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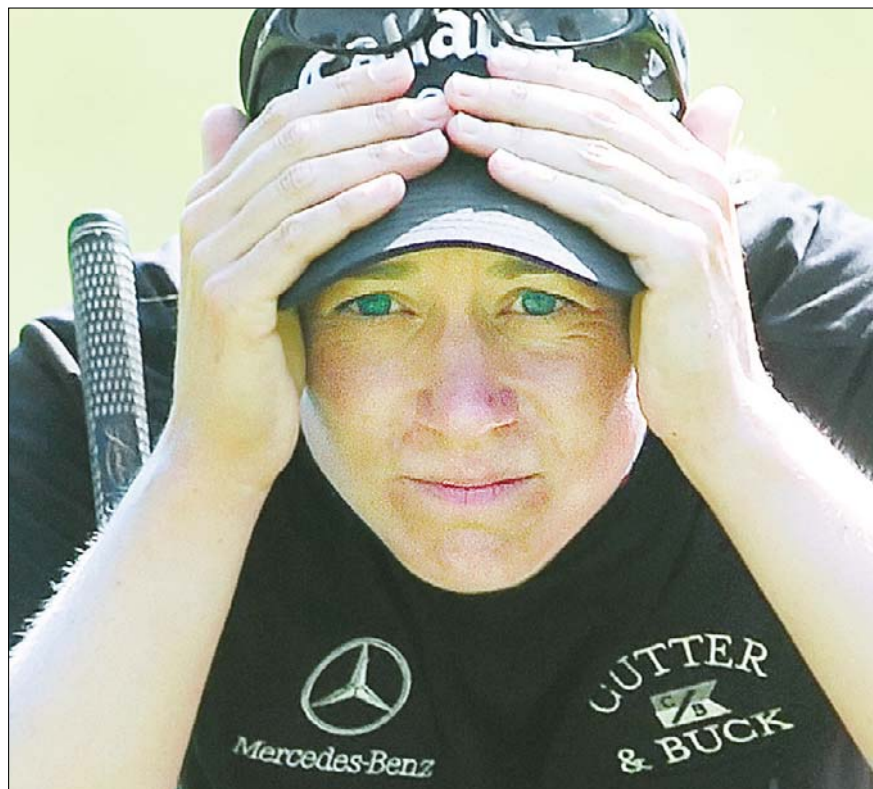
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U.S. OPEN | ANNIKA EYES GRAND SLAM



EVEN STEVEN: Annika Sorenstam, the winner of the year's first two majors, lines up a putt in the first round of the U.S. Women's Open in Cherry Hills Village, Colo., on Thursday. She finished the round at even-par. **Without par:** Sorenstam would be first to complete the Grand Slam | **Page 22**

OK Given For Home Seizures

Court expands government's right to take private property

WASHINGTON | Cities may bulldoze people's homes to make way for shopping malls or other private development, a divided Supreme Court ruled Thursday, giving local governments broad power to seize private property to generate tax revenue.

In a scathing dissent, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said the decision bowed to the rich and powerful at the expense of middle-class Americans.

The 5-4 decision means homeowners will have more limited rights. Still, legal experts said they did not expect a rush to claim homes.



The closely watched case involving New London, Conn., homeowners was one of six decisions issued Thursday as the court neared the end of its term. The justices are scheduled to release their final six rulings, including one on the constitutionality of Ten Commandments displays on public property, on Monday.

Justice John Paul Stevens, writing for the majority, said New London could pursue private development under the Fifth Amendment, which allows governments to take private property if the land is for public use, since the project the city has in mind promises to bring more jobs and revenue.

O'Connor criticized the majority for abandoning the conservative principle of individual property rights and handing "disproportionate influence and power" to the well-heeled. (AP)

U.S. Trails China in Popularity

WASHINGTON | The United States' popularity in many countries — including longtime allies in Europe — is lagging behind even communist China.

The image of the U.S. slipped sharply in 2003, after its invasion of Iraq, and two years later has shown few signs of rebounding either in Western Europe or the Muslim world, an international poll found.

In Britain, which prides itself on its "special relationship" with Washington, almost two-thirds of Britons, 65 percent, saw China favorably, compared with 55 percent who held

a positive view of the United States.

The United States' favorability rating was lowest among three Muslim nations that are also U.S. allies — Turkey, Pakistan and Jordan — where only about one-fifth of those polled viewed the U.S. in a positive light. Only India and Poland viewed the U.S. more positively than they viewed China, the Pew Research Center poll found.

"Clearly, with or without this poll we know we have a public diplomacy challenge, and that challenge is not lessening by the day," said State Department spokesman Adam Ereli. (AP)

WORK ETHIC | Booze Crews Eight members of a cleaning crew at a Charlotte County, Fla., bar were arrested Tuesday after being caught on surveillance cameras drinking about \$4,000 in alcohol while on the job, the Herald Tribune reported. Chris Evans,



the bar's manager, said tapes of the previous two weeks had showed multiple instances "of them having a good old time and getting paid for it." Seven of the eight admitted drinking the alcohol when they were supposed to be working, police said. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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FIRST PRIZE The Sweet Smell of Success

A woman who won a radio contest that promised the winner "100 grand" is suing after the Lexington, Ky., station gave her a candy bar — a Nestlé's 100 Grand — instead of \$100,000. Norreasha Gill filed a com-

plaint Wednesday against the parent company of WLTO-FM, saying they breached a contract to pay \$100,000 to the winner. Gill had won "100 grand" in the contest by being the 10th caller at a specified time; she later got a message from the station manager explaining that she had won the candy bar. He later offered her \$5,000, but "I wanted \$95,000 more," she said. The DJ has since left his job. FCC regulations say contest descriptions can't be false or deceptive and that stations must conduct contests as advertised. (AP)

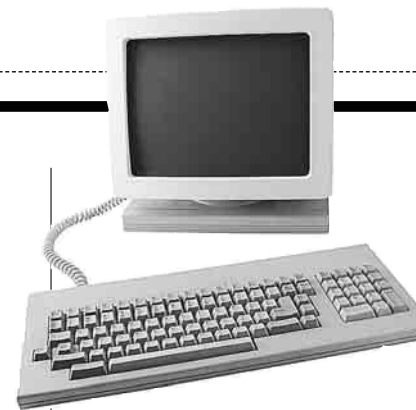
FASHION But It's So Hard to Find a Good Orange I-Piece

A prisoner apparently liked his county-issued orange jumpsuit so much he smuggled it out when released from a Sacramento County, Calif., jail. Paul Meeter was so enamored with the jumpsuit that he wore it around Elk Grove on June 18, police said, prompting alarmed residents to call 911 and sending police on a two-hour search for the man. Meeter told police he smuggled the clothing out of the jail by wearing the items under his street clothes, Lt. Jeff Boyes said. Meeter was sent back to jail on charges of stealing jail property. (AP)

HEAVE HO

Jet Drag

If the engine battery dies in your Boeing 727 passenger jet, there's one group of women you can call to help you pop the clutch. Twenty-two female rugby players from Australia joined forces Monday to pull a plane two inches down a runway at an airport in Brisbane, thereby winning more than \$7,000. The players were from the Norths team and the Queensland University of Technology rugby club. (EXPRESS)



ONLINE COURSES Getting E-xercise

It might not sound too strenuous, but some Minneapolis, Minn., students are taking physical education courses online. Supporters say the online classes are a way for busy students to shoehorn the state-required academic courses and the electives they want into their schedules. The course begins and ends with meetings with the teacher, but in between, students record read-outs from a heart monitor they are given and enter workout notes into an activity journal, which is then e-mailed to the teacher each week. "It's kind of an oxymoron to have online PE," said Jan Braaten, the district's lead teacher for physical education. (AP)

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PENNY PINCH: Edmond Knowles knows his change: the Flomaton, Ala., man has been collecting pennies for 38 years. After using a coin counting machine this week, Knowles turned his hobby into greenbacks, cashing in \$13,084.59 worth of pennies.



Nation

PBS Given Reprieve On Funds

House votes to restore \$100M that had been a proposed budget cut

WASHINGTON | Big Bird and National Public Radio won a reprieve Thursday as the House restored \$100 million that had been proposed as a budget cut for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

The 284-140 vote demonstrated the enduring political strength of public broadcasting, whose supporters rallied behind popular programs such as "Sesame Street" and "The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer."

The Public Broadcasting Service undertook a high-profile campaign to rescind the proposed cut. Lawmakers were flooded with letters and phone calls.

The vote came as the House worked on a \$142.5 billion spending bill for health, education and labor programs for the budget year beginning Oct. 1.

PBS still might end up with less money than in its current budget. The legislation would eliminate \$23 million for the Ready to Learn program, which subsidizes educational programming. (AP)

Top brass: A former GOP official will head up the Corporation for Public Broadcasting | Today's Post, Style Section

Abizaid: Iraq Insurgency Still Strong

Top general, Rumsfeld weigh in on conflict during Senate hearing

WASHINGTON | The Iraqi insurgency is as active as six months ago and more foreign fighters are flowing in all the time, the top U.S. commander in the Middle East said Thursday, despite Vice President Dick Cheney's recent observation that the insurgency was "in its last throes."

Gen. John Abizaid, testifying at a contentious Senate hearing along-



Abizaid

Rumsfeld

side Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, gave his view of the war in response to Democratic and Republican lawmakers who expressed concern about progress in Iraq and support at home.

Abizaid, the top U.S. commander

in the Middle East, acknowledged that U.S. troops, too, were becoming aware of the drop in the public's confidence.

Abizaid told lawmakers that the overall strength of the insurgency was "about the same" as six months ago. He also said: "I believe there are more foreign fighters coming into Iraq than there were six months ago."

The hearings were held on the eve of a White House meeting between President Bush and Iraq's Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari — and the week before the

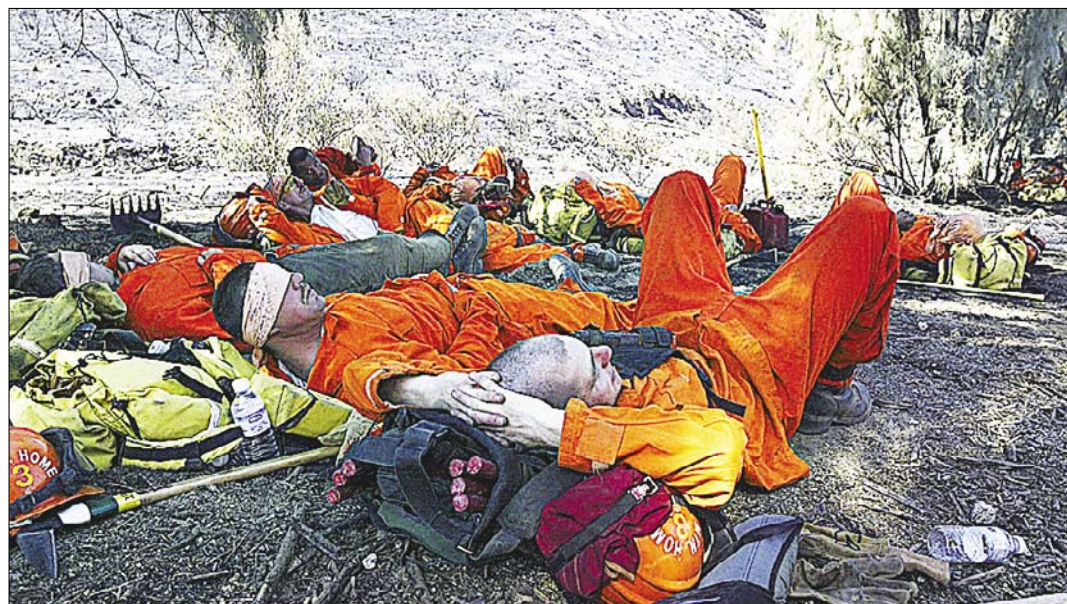
one-year anniversary of the U.S.-led coalition handing government control back to Iraqis.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., said the Bush administration should tell the Iraqis that if they do not meet their deadline for drafting a constitution, a timetable for troop withdrawal should be considered.

Rumsfeld said such a timetable would be a bad mistake.

The administration contends that Iraqis must be able to defend themselves before a timeline for bringing home U.S. troops can be considered. LIZ SIDOTI (AP)

CALIFORNIA | WILDFIRE SEASON BEGINS



NEEDED REST: Firefighters take a break in Morongo Valley, Calif., on Thursday while battling the first major wildfire of the summer. The blaze burned across more than 6,200 acres of desert brush and destroyed at least six homes.

FDA Gives Final Approval to Heart Drug for Blacks

WASHINGTON | The heart failure drug BiDil was approved Thursday by government regulators for use by blacks. It will be the first medication marketed for a specific racial group.

The Food and Drug Administration called the approval a step toward "the promise of personalized medicine."

Studies showed that blacks benefited from the drug while the general population did not.

Research was stopped early after scientists realized the unique benefits of the drug so the data could be presented for the drug's approval. (AP)



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CALL TO ARMS: The chirp of the chickadee is charming to humans but to other chickadees, it can convey a lot of vital information. When the little songbird chirps, it is often warning flock mates to watch out for a predator, scientists report.



Nation

Killen Gets 60 Years for '64 Killings

Judge gives ex-KKK member maximum sentence in Miss. trial

PHILADELPHIA, MISS. | Former Ku Klux Klansman Edgar Ray Killen wore a big gap-toothed grin as he was wheeled into court Thursday. But the smile quickly dropped from his face as Killen learned his punishment for orchestrating the slayings of three civil rights workers in 1964.

The 80-year-old Killen was sentenced to the maximum of 60 years in prison, closing one of the most shocking chapters in the move-

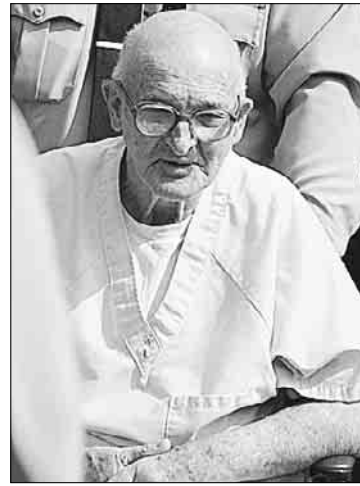
ment to end segregation across the South.

"Each life has value. Each life is equally as valuable as the other life and I have taken that into consideration," Judge Marcus Gordon said.

Killen sat in his wheelchair and stared straight ahead, stone-faced, as Gordon handed down the sentence. The judge then asked if Killen had any response.

"None, your honor," Killen said.

The Baptist preacher and sawmill operator was convicted of manslaughter Tuesday, exactly 41 years after the three civil rights volun-



Edgar Ray Killen is wheeled into the courthouse for his sentencing hearing.

teers were killed while working in to register blacks to vote.

The victims — James Chaney, Michael Schwerner and Andrew Goodman — were beaten and shot by a gang of Klansmen, and their bodies were found 44 days later buried in a red-clay dam. Witnesses said Killen rounded up carloads of Klansmen to intercept the three men and helped arrange for a bulldozer to bury the bodies.

"I want to thank God that today we saw Preacher Killen in a prison uniform taken from the courthouse to the jailhouse," said Chaney's younger brother, Ben Chaney.

EMILY WAGSTER PETTUS (AP)

In Brief

NASHVILLE, TENN.

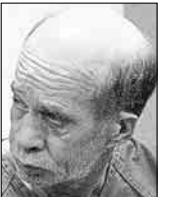
Police Probe Desecration Of Koran as Hate Crime

Authorities investigating the desecration of a Muslim holy book that was badly torn and burned say it may have been a hate crime. The Koran was discovered Wednesday near an apartment complex in a community with a high population of Islamic immigrants. A suspect could be charged with misdemeanor desecration of a venerated object or civil rights intimidation, said police Capt. Mike Hagar. The incident comes on the heels of last month's Pentagon report detailing the mishandling of prisoners' copies of the Koran by U.S. guards at Guantanamo Bay. (AP)

BROOKSVILLE, FLA.

Sex Offender Says Lunsford Was Still Alive During Search

A sex offender accused of kidnapping and murdering a 9-year-old girl said she was alive inside his home when authorities came to investigate her disappearance, according to court documents released Thursday. John Couey, 46, said he fed Jessica Lunsford for three days in a closet in a mobile home where he was staying before burying her alive in February. During that time, authorities visited the home but never searched it, Couey said. (AP)



Couey

Study: States' Data on Grad Rates Is Skewed

WASHINGTON | Most states are reporting lofty high school graduation rates that far exceed reality and mislead the public about how schools are performing, a private analysis found.

The majority of states — 36 of them — say 80 percent to 97 percent of their students graduate on time, according to state figures provided to the Education Department.

Those numbers show "rampant dishonesty," said Kati Haycock, director of The Education Trust, an advocacy organization for poor and minority students.

A series of independent analyses shows the graduation rate across the states is closer to 70 percent, mean-

ing almost one-third of students don't finish on time — or at all.

Under federal law, reading and math tests are the main way states must judge student progress, but high schools must also count graduation rates. States are generally allowed to calculate the rates however they want.

The federal government acknowledges that the lack of uniformity in graduation and dropout rates is a problem that casts doubt about how well schools are doing.

An Education Department task force has recommended that states track each group of ninth-graders to determine whether every student graduates in four years. (AP)

SUMMERTIME | WHIRLIGIG



HAIR-RAISING EXPERIENCE: Taylor McElmeel, 8, beats the heat on Thursday while enjoying the cool spray of a sprinkler in Murphy Park in Dubuque, Iowa.

HEARSAY | PETS

"I don't think anyone should have them ... Just because you're legal doesn't mean you're safe."

— SHERIFF MICHEL WETZEL

COMMENTING ON A LION AND TIGER KEPT BY MINNEAPOLIS BUSINESSMAN CHUCK MOCK. THE ANIMALS ATTACKED AND CRITICALLY INJURED A 10-YEAR-OLD BOY WHO VISITED MOCK WITH HIS FATHER. MOCK OWNS 12 LARGE ANIMALS: 11 CATS AND ONE BEAR.

Democrats Riled Over Rove's Remarks

WASHINGTON | Democrats said Thursday that White House adviser Karl Rove should either apologize or resign for accusing liberals of wanting "therapy and understanding" for the Sept. 11 attackers, escalating partisan rancor that threatens to consume Washington.

Rove's comments — and the response from the political opposition — mirrored earlier flaps over Democratic chairman Howard

Dean's criticism of Republicans and a House Republican's statement that Democrats *demonize* Christians.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan came to Rove's defense, saying the president's chief political adviser was "simply



Rove

pointing out the different philosophies and different approaches when it comes to winning the war on terrorism."

Rove, in a speech Wednesday evening to the New York state Conservative Party, said, "Liberals saw the savagery of the 9/11 attacks and wanted to prepare indictments and offer therapy and understanding for our attackers." Conservatives, he said, "saw the savagery of 9/11 and the attacks and prepared for war." (AP)

Today in The Washington Post

Shop Blocked: Why Oprah Winfrey was denied access to a Hermès boutique in Paris has been fodder for gossip columnists and Web bloggers alike. | *Style*

Full of Sorrow: The Village Laundry in Chilhowie, Va., has been shuttered since the unimaginable became real and a young girl was killed in a washer. | *Metro*

World



FAUX PAS: A McDonald's TV ad that showed a man begging for a discount has been axed in China. Official media said viewers found the ad offensive because Chinese consider begging humiliating. McDonald's said it was meant to publicize its special offers.

U.S. Destroys Rebels' Lair in Baghdad

But insurgents' brazen car bombings continue

BAGHDAD | American and Iraqi troops battled al Qaeda-linked insurgents holed up in an upscale Baghdad neighborhood Thursday, killing at least five militants apparently waiting to carry out suicide bomb attacks.

Thursday's gunbattle was fought in western Baghdad's al-Jamaa neighborhood, where Sunni and Shiite professionals live. Footage shot by Associated Press Television

News showed large sections of a house razed to the ground.

Dozens of residents gathered as U.S. troops loaded one Humvee with heavy machine-guns, rocket propelled grenades, rifles and belts of ammunition found inside. Iraqi police put bodies onto a pickup.

The insurgents were associated with al Qaeda in Iraq, the military said.

Meanwhile, in a devastating



A man injured in one of the car bombings in the capital's Karrada district seeks help in Baghdad on Thursday.

escalation in insurgent attacks in the capital, a string of car bombings that began late Wednesday continued Thursday morning with four more blasts that killed at least 15 people and wounded 28.

The force of the blasts — timed for when the capital's streets are most crowded — blew off store shutters. Among the wounded was a boy, his left leg missing from below the knee, who sat on the sidewalk near a mangled bicycle, screaming as a man called for help. (AP)



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AP

Fighting Persists in Afghanistan

Officials in Kabul say senior Taliban figures are leading the charge

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | Radio intercepts indicate two top Taliban commanders are with dozens of rebels battling in the southern mountains against a blistering barrage from Afghan and U.S. forces, senior government officials said Thursday.

The death toll from three days of fighting was reported at 114, including 102 insurgents. Afghan officials said they had dealt the insurgency a body blow, but such claims have been made many times before in a war that refuses to wind down.

Defense Ministry spokesman Zahir Marad said the two commanders are Mullah Dadullah and Mullah Brader, both well known names in the Taliban rebellion who are accused of orchestrating attacks across the country's south.

Many fear an upsurge in fighting could be a sign that the insurgency is strengthening, and Afghan and U.S. officials have warned that violence could get even worse before parliamentary elections in September.

Afghan officials blame the recent upsurge in violence on insurgents sneaking in from Pakistan and are urging the government in Islamabad to crack down on militants. (AP)

In Brief

UNITED NATIONS

WHO Gives Qualified 'OK' to Genetically Modified Foods

Genetically modified foods on supermarket shelves are as safe as their conventional counterparts, but new GM products should be carefully tested, the U.N. health agency said Thursday.

"GM foods currently available on the international market have passed risk assessments and are not likely to, nor have been shown to, present risks for human health," the study by the World Health Organization said. However, the potential risks of any new transgenic food should be judged on a case-by-case basis as many countries are doing, WHO said. (AP)

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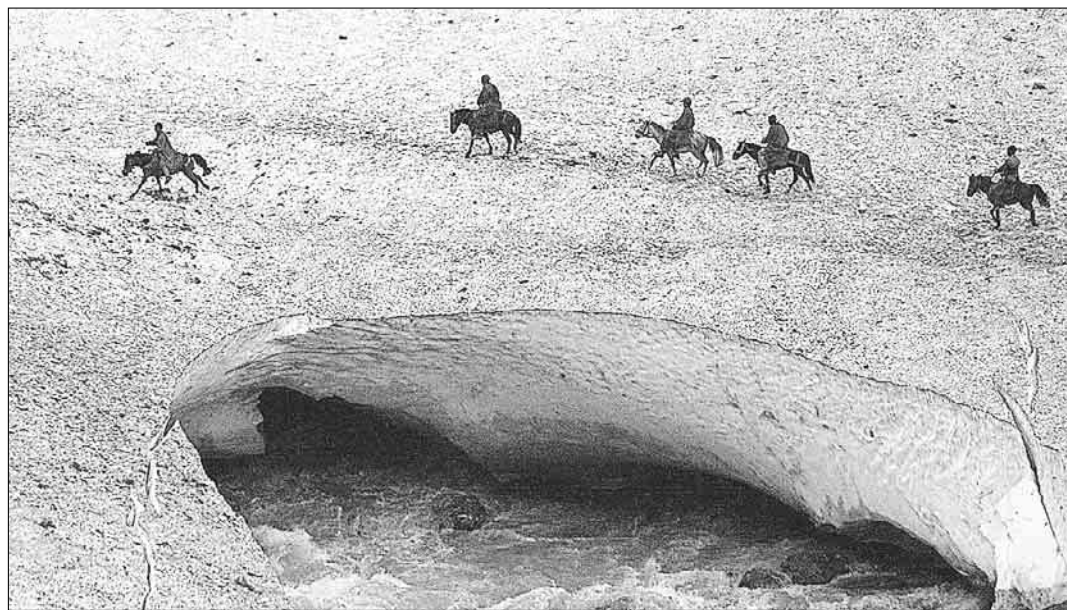
Dutch Teen's Father Held in Case of Missing Ala. Woman

Police on Thursday arrested the father of a Dutch teen already in custody in connection with the disappearance of a young Alabama woman last month. Paul van der Sloot, 52, a justice official, "is a suspect in the disappearance" of 18-year-old Natalee Holloway, said Mairaine Croes, spokeswoman for the Attorney General's office. Van der Sloot became the fifth person detained in the 3-week-old case. (AP)



Van der Sloot

INDIA | FROM HERE TO SHIVA



SACRED OBJECTS: Hindu pilgrims on horses ride over a glacier en route to the Amarnath shrine, about 80 miles north-east of Srinagar, on Thursday. More than 500,000 devotees are expected to visit the shrine, an icy stalagmite in a mountain cave, during the two months it is open to visitors. Hindus worship the stalagmite as an incarnation of the god Shiva.

Church Upbraided After Nun's Death

Botched 'exorcism' puts spotlight on Romania's secretive monasteries

BUCHAREST, ROMANIA | A 23-year-old Orthodox nun — said to be possessed by devils because she shouted so much — was chained to a cross, gagged with a towel and left in a dank room at a convent for three days without food, where she died of suffocation and dehydration.

A monk and four nuns were

arrested Thursday and have been charged with murder in the case, which has focused attention on the secretive convents and monasteries that dot Romania's impoverished northeast. Maricica Irina Cornici died last week in a convent outside the remote village of Tanacu.

Daniel Petre Corogeanu, the monk accused of leading the exorcism, has appeared unrepentant. He performed a funeral service for the nun on Sunday and said he was trying to take devils out of her.

Cornici's death and the fact Corogeanu was ordained as a priest without having finished his theological studies have prompted the church to impose stricter rules for entering monasteries.

Orthodox monasteries flourished here after the 1989 fall of Nicolae Ceausescu's brutal communist regime, which suppressed religion. They have attracted scores of poor youths, attracted by their offers of stability. Many, like Cornici, grew up in orphanages. (AP)

WHAT A PILL: Canada soon will restrict online pharmacies from selling prescription drugs to U.S. consumers seeking cheaper medicine, the country's health minister said Thursday. (AP)

\$4.6B

The amount of money racked up in sales of bootleg music discs, according to a report Thursday by the International Federation of Phonographic Industries. One-third of all discs sold last year were pirated, it said.

Money

Dow Spooked as Oil Crests \$60

Average falls 166 points after price of crude briefly hits high mark

NEW YORK | Stocks plunged Thursday, sending the Dow Jones industrials down 166 points as oil prices briefly moved past the psychologically important \$60 per barrel level for the first time.

Oil's advance accelerated a sell-off prompted by poor earnings from FedEx Corp. — which blamed high fuel prices for its disappointing profits. FedEx's earnings missed Wall Street's expectations and raised new concerns about oil's impact on corporate profits. That led crude oil futures to creep higher through the

day, breaking through the \$60-per-barrel barrier. While purely psychological, that move was enough to send stocks tumbling.

A barrel of light crude settled at \$59.42, up \$1.33, on the New York Mercantile Exchange after peaking at \$60.05, an intraday record.

"We always wondered what \$60 a barrel oil would cost us, and now we know," said Jeff Kleintop, chief investment strategist for PNC Financial Services Group in Philadelphia. "On top of that, you've got news from FedEx, a transportation company, saying, 'Yeah, oil is hurting us.' That's got the market shaken up a bit."

The Dow fell 166.49, or 1.57 percent, to 10,421.44. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Unova	25.85	+3.78	+17.1
CallGolf	15.55	+1.97	+14.5
EnzoBio	17.98	+1.48	+9.0
IRSA	12.25	+0.82	+7.2
MatSci If	14.32	+0.92	+6.9

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Trex	25.11	-10.59	-29.7
RiteAid	4.11	-0.44	-9.7
FstMarb	33.54	-3.55	-9.6
Nelnet	31.00	-3.19	-9.3
CACI	58.88	-5.50	-8.5

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
JB Oxfrd	2.75	+1.04	+60.8
IndSvAm	5.95	+1.57	+35.8
WSI Inds	4.70	+1.07	+29.5
Zanett	4.00	+0.70	+21.2
Vivus	3.95	+0.61	+18.3

Losers

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Canadian Dollar	1.2327	1.2346	1.3605
European Euro	.8310	.8250	.8271
Japanese Yen	108.83	108.80	108.55
Mexican Peso	10.7860	10.7620	11.3460
Taiwanese Dollar	31.36	31.35	33.78

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AstraZen	41.10	-0.86	+12.9
BarrPhm	49.23	-0.11	+8.1
BrMySq	25.48	-0.15	-0.5
ForestLab	39.15	+1.05	-12.7
Hospira	38.35	-0.37	+14.5
IvaxCp s	21.80	+0.08	+37.8
JohnJn	65.35	-0.65	+3.0
LillyEli	57.52	-0.80	+1.4
Merck	31.25	-0.73	-2.8
MylanLab	19.27	+0.12	+9.0
Pfize	28.90	+0.11	+7.5
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IMMOVABLE OBJECT: Officials at Antietam National Battlefield say a disputed monument to Confederate General Robert E. Lee won't be moved despite arguments that Lee's forces were forced back during the Sept. 17, 1862 Civil War battle.

Guilty Plea in Arson

Security guard admits he set homes ablaze in Md. development

GREENBELT, MD. | A security guard who was upset at his employer for denying him bereavement leave when his baby son died last year pleaded guilty Thursday for his role in setting fires that did \$10 million in damage to houses under construction in Maryland.

Aaron Speed, 21, of Waldorf, was angry at his employer and the people buying houses in the upscale Hunters Brooke development, said prosecutor Timothy Atkins.

"He was also resentful about the wealth of the residents, who he believed looked down at him and his own limited economic and educational status," Atkins said. Speed said that he had dropped out of high school in the 12th grade.

Speed entered a guilty plea in U.S. District Court to one count of conspiracy to commit arson. Under a deal with prosecutors, charges of arson and aiding and abetting were dropped and Speed agreed to help prosecute the three remaining defendants.

He could face between five and 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. **BRIAN WITTE (AP)**

SILVER SPRING, MD. | SIGNS OF THE TIMES



SECURITY MEASURES: Protesters outside Blair High School in Silver Spring, Md., voice their disapproval of President Bush's social security plan Thursday while he spoke inside the school to a group of Republican invitees.

Death Penalty Possible In Case of Shot Officer

Suspect in Gaughan's death is denied bond

UPPER MARLBORO, MD. | Prosecutors are deciding whether to seek the death penalty against the accused of killer of a police officer.

Robert M. Billett, 43, of Bladensburg is charged with killing Cpl. Steven F. Gaughan during a shootout Tuesday in Laurel. Gaughan is the first Prince George's County officer killed in the line of duty in at least 10 years.

Wounded by police gunfire, Billett sat in a wheelchair as he appeared from jail by television

during a hearing Thursday in Prince George's District Court. He was denied bond.

Billett is being held on charges including first-degree murder. State's Attorney Glenn F. Ivey said a decision on whether to seek death would be made after police finish their investigation, perhaps as early as next week.

No one has been executed for a crime committed in Prince George's in more than 50 years.

BRIAN WESTLEY (AP)

BWI Workers Charged in Theft Of Soldiers' Stuff

LINTHICUM, MD. | Three baggage handlers at Baltimore-Washington International Airport have been charged with stealing thousands of dollars worth of electronics from the luggage of soldiers heading to war in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Prosecutors charged Michael Harlee, 22, of Baltimore and Derek J. Murray, 20, of Glen Burnie last week. A third suspect, Shaka N. Watson of Baltimore, was arrested in January.

Authorities said about 45 soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines were victimized. **(AP)**

District Unveils New Parking Meters

WASHINGTON | Drivers may have to wait for solar-powered cars, but solar-powered parking meters are here.

The District's transportation department unveiled the dark-green "multi-space meters" Thursday.

They take coins and credit cards and manage an entire block's worth of parking. Drivers buy a ticket from the meter on the block where they want to park, then slip the ticket behind their windshields.

The meters have been phased in

since 2003, when they had a test-run in Georgetown. They could also go up by the convention center and in Adams Morgan.

D.C. transportation director Dan Tangherlini said they're right for D.C.'s cramped environs too because they allow as many cars to park on a street as will fit. **(AP)**

The Lotteries

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Evening Lucky Numbers	8-1-7
Mid-day DC 4	7-1-8-0
Evening DC 4	4-5-7-0
Quick Cash	21-31-27-23-18-20
Hot Five	14-27-26-1-6
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	11-25-29-33-34(13)

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	6-3-1
Evening Pick 3	8-1-7
Mid-day Pick 4	4-0-9-6
Evening Pick 4	8-0-5-6
Match 5	06-09-24-30-35 Bonus: 8
Lotto (Wed.)	17-21-30-42-46-47

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	2-9-4
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	4-0-0
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	6-0-3-6

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	6-3-6-3
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	12-17-22-24-28
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	3-4-5-22-30
Lotto South (Wed.)	4-7-23-24-28-33

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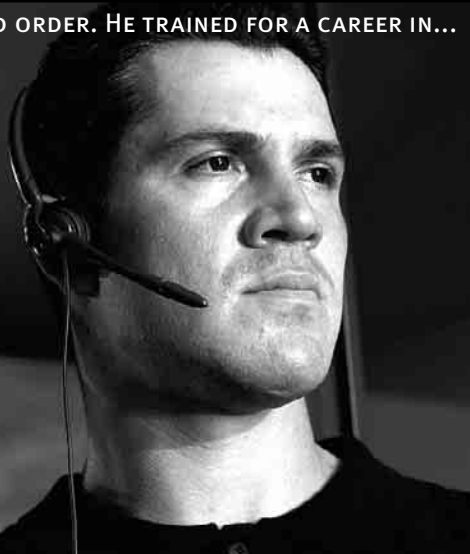
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**CLUB PICKS**

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Entertainment Weekend

Hex & the Housewife

'Bewitched' comes to the big screen but leaves magic behind

FILM | No magic spells could make "Bewitched" enjoyable, after all the work put into it by a coven of rotating cooks stirring the long-simmering cauldron.

The brew that Nora and Delia Ephron created reeks of antic desperation, though it features a solid cast in Nicole Kidman, Will Ferrell, Michael Caine and Shirley MacLaine.

In adapting the '60s sitcom for the big screen, the Ephrons (Delia as director/writer and Nora as writer) have come up with an admirably innovative conceit: An updated version of "Bewitched" is in the works, with a real-life witch playing Samantha.

In execution, though, the prem-

ise feels too cutesy — as does the performance from Kidman, who's more than capable of comedy but is too substantial an actress for the dippy-fluffy routine she's got working here. It doesn't help that she and Ferrell have zero chemistry.

Kidman plays Isabel Bigelow, a blissfully naive good witch who wants to give up her supernatural powers for mundane, suburban, mortal life.

Ferrell plays Jack Wyatt, a washed-up actor looking for a comeback by starring as Darrin on the new "Bewitched." Jack spots Isabel in a bookstore and notices her twitching her upturned nose. He's instantly drawn to Isabel as the ideal person to play his TV wife; he figures she's just an innocent mortal he can upstage. Meanwhile, she's inexplicably smitten with Jack, despite his obvious smarminess.

Isabel struggles with her urges



ARTS AND CRAFT: Nicole Kidman fluffs her role as a witch with mortal yearnings.

to use her powers to manipulate everyone and everything around her, including Jack. And why not give in? It's too easy to whip up a house or hook up the VCR. But this dynamic gets repetitive quickly, and the jaunty music grows seriously cloying.

The witchcraft also provides

myriad opportunities for broad physical comedy, presumably as a trick to eat up time, as is a scene in which Jack goes on "Inside the Actors Studio" and insists, "This isn't the old 'Bewitched.'"

Maybe not. But it sure makes the old "Bewitched" look like pure magic. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**

Real Dirty Dancing

'Rize' documents the many meanings of an urban movement

FILM | Acclaimed fashion photographer and music video director David LaChapelle shows in his documentary, "Rize," the moves that go into the hyperkinetic dance style known as "krump" sprang naturally on the streets of South Central Los Angeles as a means of expression after the 1992 Rodney King riots.

Participating in this style of dance, with its extraordinarily fast hip thrusts and arm flagellations, also serves as an alternative to gang membership and a backlash



'GHETTO BALLET': The spastic moves krumpers make seem humanly implausible.

against the commercialized hip-hop culture that glorifies it.

Either you are a member of a

clown group — painted disciples of "Tommy the Clown," a long-time community activist — or you

krump, with moves that evolved from clowning into an almost violent mix of popping and locking, tribal rituals, stripper choreography and moshing.

LaChapelle tries to put all this in artistic, historical and socio-economic perspective. He introduces us to talented, focused young people, one of whom explains, "If you haven't danced in two days and you come to a krump session, we'll know." A guy who goes by Dragon gives an eloquent soliloquy on krump as "ghetto ballet." And one beautifully edited segment juxtaposes images of kids on the playground with footage of African tribesmen performing in the same way.

"Rize" often feels like a music video, but LaChapelle's images remain lush, vivid and wondrous to behold throughout.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

Got Plans?

FOR COMPLETE WEEKEND LISTINGS SEE WASHINGTONPOST.COM/ENTERTAINMENT

What's your take on Old Dominion's beer fest?

It's worth it if you have a designated driver. Last we heard, there were more than 50 breweries coming, each with several different beers for sampling. There's great live music (Gonzo's Nose on Friday, Last Train Home on Saturday), so-so food and pony rides for the kids.

www.olddominion.com/pg/BerFest

Can you post the details for the D.C. Caribbean Carnival, please?

The parade kicks off Saturday at 10 a.m. at Georgia and Missouri avenues NW. It's free to watch the parade, but it'll cost \$5 to get into the festival at Banneker Park, with its live music, crafts, food, etc.

Banneker Park, 2500 Georgia Ave. NW; 202-673-2121.



The D.C. Caribbean Carnival is a Washington summertime tradition.

Have a vegan friend coming to town and have no idea where to take her. Any vegetarian-friendly advice?

The staff at Sunflower are smiley and carnivores love the General Tso's chicken there. And be sure to visit Sticky Fingers, the all-vegan bakery.

2531 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna, 703-319-3888. Sticky Fingers, 1904 18th St. NW, 202-299-9700.

The Going Out Gurus think you should get out more. Join the discussion Thursdays at 1 p.m. | WASHINGTONPOST.COM/liveonline

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BOUND BY TRAUMA: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, left, and Brady Corbet play young men irrevocably altered by childhood inci-

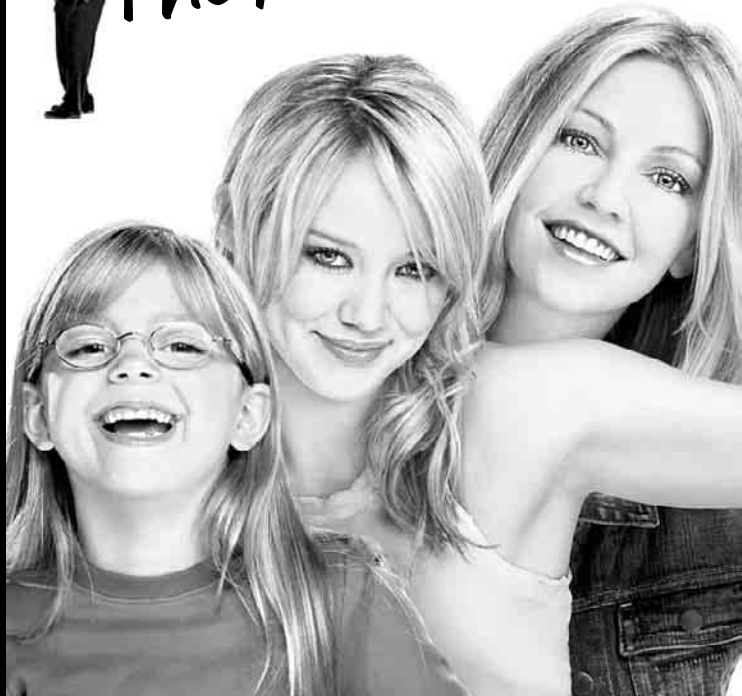
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'Mysterious Skin'
takes a troubling,
moving look at abuse

FILM | A poetic fable that takes a subtle approach to an explosive subject, Gregg Araki's "Mysterious Skin" takes the viewer to bucolic Hutchinson, Kan., where one fateful sunny day two 8-year-olds are playing in a Little League game.

Dark-haired, self-confident Neil (Chase Ellison), the star player, has become aware that he is different and that the immediate object of his attraction is the team's coach (Bill Sage). Sometime after that the coach takes Neil home. Separately, blond, nerdy Brian (George Webster), realizes that "five hours have disappeared from my life. Five hours,

gone without a trace."

Years pass and Brian (now played by Brady Corbet), plagued by nightmares and terrified of the dark, comes to believe that aliens must have abducted him. Neil (now played by Joseph Gordon-Levitt) has grown into a darkly handsome youth, raised lovingly by a single mom (Elisabeth Shue) with a string of boyfriends.

Meanwhile, Neil has discovered he can make a lot of pocket money hustling in a Hutchinson park. As Brian searches for his old friend, whom he believes to be a key to his mystery, Neil in turn follows his life-long soul mate Wendy (Michelle Trachtenberg) to New York. At this point these 18-year-olds — Neil so foolishly sure of himself, Brian so desperately questing, both so emo-

tionally crippled — have embarked upon courses of self-discovery that inevitably will intersect.

The most mature work by the idiosyncratic and gifted Araki, "Mysterious Skin," based on the book by Scott Heim, highlights the director's talent for inspiring the most demanding of portrayals from actors and for richly evoking the world his characters inhabit. The film has a mesmerizing floating quality, heightened by Harold Budd and Robin Guthrie's deceptively serene score, and it has considerable offbeat, deadpan humor to offset its dark undertow.

It's hard to imagine a more serious or persuasive indictment of the horrors inflicted on children by sexual abuse than "Mysterious Skin."

KEVIN THOMAS (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Stunts: No Oscar

The Academy nixes a
plea for recognition
from derring-doers

NO THUMBS UP | Oscar won't honor stunt work.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced Wednesday that its Board of Governors voted to deny a request from a group of stunt perform-

er's organizations to create a new Academy Award for "best stunt coordinator."

"At a time when the academy is trying to find ways to reduce the numbers of statuettes given out, and looks at categories with an eye more focused on reduction than addition, the board is simply not prepared to institute any new annual awards categories," academy President Frank Pierson said

Wednesday.

Stunt workers lobbied hard for the new Oscar category. About 75 performers demonstrated outside the academy's Beverly Hills headquarters last week to promote their cause.

"I'm disappointed," said Jack Gill, a stunt coordinator who has pushed for a stunt category since 1991. "Everyone believes we should have a category except the board of governors."

The last time the Academy added a new category was in 2000 for best animated feature film. (AP)

Entertainment **Weekend**

Movies **Now Playing**

THE ADVENTURES OF SHARKBOY AND LAVAGIRL IN 3-D (PG, 94 minutes)

Robert Rodriguez's 3-D movie for children, based on the writings of his preteen son, is astoundingly boring and, frankly, tedious to sit through. It's about a 10-year-old kid named Max (Cayden Boyd) who daydreams so intensely about his imagined superheroes, Sharkboy (Taylor Lautner) and Lavagirl (Taylor Dooley), that the fictional creations come alive. Max and his superpals find themselves on Planet Drool, where Max must battle the nefarious Mr. Electric (George Lopez). The 3-D effects are unimaginative and eventually too obnoxious for the eyes. (DT)

APRES VOUS (R, 110 minutes) In this French romantic comedy, Daniel Auteuil plays sweet, hapless Antoine, a headwaiter who can't say no to anyone. When he saves Louis (Jose Garcia) from hanging

himself, he realizes he also has to solve the man's life problems. This means helping Louis get a job and reunite with Blanche (Sandrine Kiberlain), the florist-girlfriend who dumped him. There isn't much to the movie, and you can see where it's going from kilometers away. But Auteuil is delightful, with a slight aversion of the eyes here, a momentary hesitation in the voice there. And Garcia makes a nice partner, too, a comically depressed mope who steadfastly refuses to accept happiness. (DT)

CINDERELLA MAN (PG-13, 144 minutes) Forced to work as a longshoreman to feed his family (including his wife, played by Renee Zellweger) during the Depression, down-and-out boxer Jim Braddock (Russell Crowe) jumps at the chance to take on a heavy-weight. When he wins, he faces world champion Max Baer (Craig Bierko). In a way, "Cinderella Man," based on a true story, is "Seabiscuit" in boxing gloves. But it's more than that: a Runyonesque glow, thanks to director Ron Howard and screenwriters Cliff Hollingsworth and Akiva Goldsman. Crowe's burly poignancy hits you foursquare in the



HERE, HOLD THIS: Katie Holmes prepared for her upcoming role as "Tom Cruise's fiancée" by learning to show affection for a prop body on the set of "Batman Begins."

ribs, right above the ticker. (DT)
CRASH (R, 100 minutes) The aftermath of Rodney King and 9/11 seems to sear the nostrils of every Los Angeleno in Paul Haggis' white-knuckle hatefest among characters of almost every ideologi-

cal, cultural or religious stripe. Asians, Latinos, whites, blacks, rich and poor, Muslim and Christian clash in this multi-character story that features a huge ensemble cast. If "Crash" only showed the dark side of humanity, it would barely

be worth bothering. But the movie is also about the best in people. As soon as we think we have some character's number he or she turns around and does something quite astonishing. (DT)

THE DEAL (R, 107 minutes) In Harvey Khan and Ruth Epstein's unbearably dull movie, Christian Slater plays a Wall Street investment banker investigating the mysterious death of a corporate buddy, among other things, and trying to jump-start his ailing career. In doing so, he uncovers terrible things: a global conspiracy! Shady dealings in boardrooms! Government cover-ups! But he also learns this: Women just love him! Can't wait to sleep with him! The reason? Slater is one of the producers! If Slater were a bigger star, this self-serving vehicle would have been an unintentional hoot. But it's just plain bad. (DT)

DEEP BLUE (G, 90 minutes) This documentary about the sea makes the animal kingdom "perform" to classical and other evocative (sometimes comical) music while narrator Pierce Brosnan issues Hallmarkish, voice-over poetry about the mysteries of the deep. But it's still amazing to behold the watery spec-

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tacle, which includes emperor penguins making belly landings on polar caps; and the alien-like pods and other things that frequent the way-way deep. There are also the cool sharks, the killer whales that flip their adversaries into the air and kill them, the adorable but deadly polar bears swimming through freezing seas. (DT)

ENRON: THE SMARTEST GUYS IN THE ROOM (unrated, 120 minutes) Based on Fortune reporters Bethany McLean

and Peter Elkind's "The Smartest Guys in the Room: The Amazing Rise and Scandalous Fall of Enron," Alex Gibney's blow-by-blow documentary retelling of what was, at the time, the largest corporate bankruptcy in history is by turns harrowing and hilarious. And nauseating, too. (MO)

HAPPILY EVER AFTER (Unrated, 100 minutes) A French comedy about love and sex and marriage—what's not to like? As a plus, this film from writer-director-star Yvan Attal has a rockin' soundtrack and a cameo appearance by Johnny Depp, who makes everything he's in just a little bit better. Too bad that it doesn't have an actual ending. Oh, the heck with it. This



FIRST AND LAST LOVE: Nathalie Press co-stars (with fellow newcomer Emily Blunt) in a breakout debut performance in the British film "My Summer of Love."

RYSZARD LENIEWSKI

smart and sexy exploration of romance and commitment has the most appropriate end imaginable one—it's figuratively (and literally) up in the air. (MO)

HIGH TENSION (R, 85 minutes) Director and co-writer Alexandre Aja's horror film is a prolonged, strangely plotted bloodbath in which a terrifying man (Philippe Nahon) rips, tears and shreds his way through a family in Southern France. Aja doesn't have a gift for horror suspense so much as a complete geek knowledge of all the superior scare flicks that have preceded "High Tension." (DT)

THE HONEYMOONERS (PG-13, 89 minutes) This African-American-ization of the classic Jackie Gleason-Art Carney TV show "The Honeymooners" is a really bad idea that turned out even worse. In the Gleason and Carney roles, Cedric the Entertainer and Mike Epps are such hapless characters, it's a wonder the screen itself doesn't curl up in disgust. C the E plays central character Ralph Kramden as nothing more than a tubby schemer who drives a bus and who is married, beyond logic, to Gabrielle Union (as Alice.) As Ralph's sidekick Ed Norton, Epps' idea of comic grace is to walk through the movie with a fixed grin and perform pratfalls that wouldn't get a "C" grade in clown school. The less said about the story, in which Ralph attempts several hare-brained schemes (entering a dog in a greyhound race, buying an old-time trolley), the better. In memory of Gleason's oft-repeated line, "To the moon, Alice," I'd like to suggest the same lunar destination to the studio geniuses who thought up this project. (DT)

HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE (PG, 110 minutes) Fans of Japanimation icon Hayao Miyazaki ("Spirited Away") are more likely to be wowed by his feature-length, "Yu-Gi-Oh!"-flavored cartoon than are fans of British author Diana Wynne Jones' dark and oh-so-tweedy book, on which it is ostensibly based. While not without its visual charms (particularly as regards the castle of the title, which walks around on four spindly legs), the movie—about a young girl (voice of Emily Mortimer) who seeks refuge in the mobile home of a misunderstood wizard (Christian Bale) after she's been turned into an old woman (Jean Simmons) by a witch (Lauren Bacall)—bears no more relation to the novel than gummy bears do to grizzlies. Catering to kids and anime fan boys, this Disney-safe "Howl" is anything but moving. (MO)

KICKING & SCREAMING (PG, 87 minutes) Never one to let weak material stand in the way of getting laughs, Will Ferrell manages to come up with a few great comic bits playing the inept coach of a youth soccer team. Ultimately, though,

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his anarchic genius is wasted in a kiddie comedy in which everybody learns something in the end. (M)

KINGDOM OF HEAVEN (PG-13, 138 minutes) Ridley Scott's epic, about the battle of wills between Balian of Ibelin (Orlando Bloom), a 12th-century French crusader charged with protecting Jerusalem from Muslim leader Saladin (Ghassan Massoud), is a powerful visual experience. It's also just another digitalized, live-action cartoon. The real star is Massoud as Saladin, an Islamic hero of deep integrity. To introduce an archetype like this to Western audiences may be worth this whole flawed movie. (DT)

LAYER CAKE (R, 104 minutes) Smooth businessman X (Daniel Craig) from London thinks he's got the perfect scheme. A rental agent by day and a cocaine and ecstasy manufacturer by night, he believes he can make the illegal drug trade work for him and not the other way around. But he's underestimated the will and orneriness of the gangsters around him. Director Matthew Vaughn has made a coolly detached, classic gangster saga about the clash-

ing of rival empires, where the only thing worse than the killer before you is the killer waiting behind him. (DT)

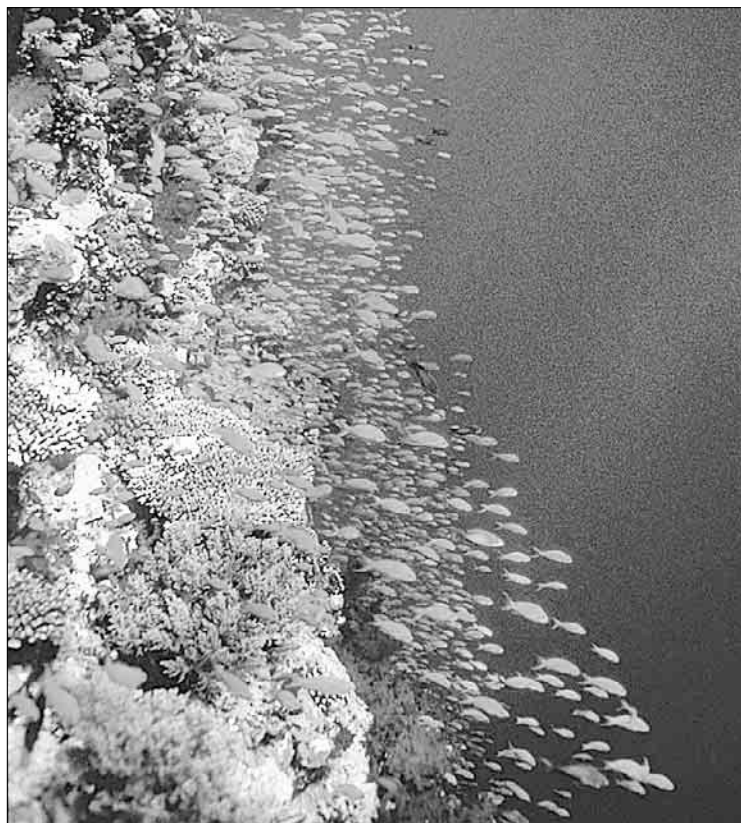
THE LONGEST YARD (PG-13, 114 minutes) This remake of the 1974 comedy-drama about a high-stakes football game between vicious prison guards and a ragtag team of outmatched inmates benefits most from the smart-alecky wit of Chris Rock and the smirking slacker humor of Adam Sandler as genial convicts, even as it adds little to the original film. Still, the playing out of its predictable formula — is there anyone alive who doubts the outcome of that game? — is not without its rote pleasures. It's like setting up dominoes and watching them fall. There are no surprises, but a certain satisfaction in sticking it to the man — again. (M)

MAD HOT BALLROOM (PG, 95 minutes) Marilyn Agrelo's at-times stirring documentary follows groups of young participants in American Ballroom Theater's "Dancing Classrooms" program as they prepare for a climactic dance-off with student ballroom dancers from New York City public schools. In the end, it isn't only about the dancing (although there's plenty of that, and it's pretty darn good) as it is about living and growing up. (M)

MADAGASCAR (PG, 86 minutes) The latest offering from DreamWorks Animation SKG, a tale of caged zoo animals that escape to the wilds of Madagascar from the Central Park Zoo, is high in antic energy and low on charm. Voiced with mostly perfunctory delivery by Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, David Schwimmer and Jada Pinkett Smith, the quartet of, respectively, Alex the lion, Marty the zebra, Melman the giraffe and Gloria the hippo experience a rude awakening when Alex's carnivorous nature puts their friendships at stake. But the story, which attempts to laugh its way out of the fact that some animals eat each other, never really resolves its central conflict, which arises from the inescapable fact that it's a dog-eat-dog world. (M)

MONSTER-IN-LAW (PG-13, 101 minutes) It doesn't seem right that Jane Fonda, playing the titular harridan, Viola Fields, allows her character, a woman bent on sabotaging the impending nuptials of her doctor son (Michael Vartan) to an impoverished artist (Jennifer Lopez), to be consistently upstaged by her wisecracking personal assistant (Wanda Sykes). The character of Viola is just a tiresome and unpleasant woman who could take some tips on how to dish the competition from her smart-mouthed secretary. (M)

MR. & MRS. SMITH (PG-13, 112 minutes) The premise is admittedly slight: Husband-and-wife hit men (Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie) are hired to kill each other as bullets and romantic sparks



I WONDER WHAT'S UNDER: "Deep Blue" doesn't have a plot, but the ongoing narrative of the ocean and its inhabitants makes for better viewing than "The Pacifier."

fly. Nevertheless, Pitt and Jolie's monumental charisma, coupled with director Doug Liman's stylishly jaundiced staging, makes this allegory of modern love and marriage a summer diversion that's fast-paced, fun and sexy enough for the multiplex crowd and blackhearted enough for those with a taste for something more acidic. It's a grown-up popcorn movie. (M)

MY SUMMER OF LOVE (R, 81 minutes) Two young women (Emily Blunt and Nathalie Press) meet by chance in the Yorkshire countryside and instantly understand they are meant for each other. Tamsin (Blunt) is a rich, horse-riding bon vivant without a care in the world. Mona (Press) is a working-class girl who lives over, and runs, a local pub. But their budding relationship is threatened by Mona's brother and born-again Christian Phil (Paddy Considine), who doesn't like their fast growing union. Things get ugly. Whether or not director Pawel Pawlikowski's dark, almost biblical finale brings things to a satisfying conclusion is a matter for debate. But for all its melodramatic excesses, "My

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Summer" remains highly watchable for atmosphere and performances. (DT)
THE PERFECT MAN (PG, 96 minutes) This movie is disturbing on many levels. Unfortunately, it doesn't even have the good sense to know how disturbing it is and have a little fun with it. As a result, the fluffy romantic comedy, starring Hilary Duff as the girl, Holly, Heather Locklear as her mother, and Chris Noth as Holly's unwitting co-conspirator, is something even worse: creepy and boring. (MO)

SIN CITY (R, 126 minutes) You could call this a pure product of the American death cult. It celebrates revenge of the most violent sort, it features heroes who don't merely kill but mutilate and torture enemies, its view of women is primeval. So do you say this film is perverse and should be banned for it will fascinate all the impressionable young with its aggressive nihilism? Or do you say it's so gorgeous and seductive, you just have to let it be what it is? I have no idea. (SH)
THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS (PG, 120 minutes) Four teenage girls. One pair of secondhand jeans that couldn't possibly—but somehow, miraculously does—fits all four very different



PERFECTLY TURNED OUT: Hilary Duff and Heather Locklear play groomed, tanned and cosmeticized ordinary teen and diner-waitress Mom in "The Perfect Man."

sized derrieres. What might have worked on the pages of Ann Brashares' best-selling novel about four friends who share a single pair of pants as an emblem of their friendship emphatically does not in living color. While America Ferrera, Amber Tamblyn, Alexis Bledel and Blake Lively are fine actresses, it's tough to buy the fact that they could all squeeze into the same trousers, let alone that they would be friends with each other. (MO)
STAR WARS: EPISODE III — REVENGE OF THE SITH (PG-13, 140 minutes) In this final installment of the "Star Wars" megaology, we learn about the circumstances that led to the creation of Darth Vader. But this most potentially compelling episode of all is marred by the disappointingly ordinary Hayden Christiansen, whose evolution from Anakin Skywalker to the baddest heavy-breathing villain in sci-fi popular culture amounts to a sort of tizzy fit. It seems he can't get invited to the inner circle of Jedi knights, run by Yoda, Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor), Mace Windu (Samuel L. Jackson) and all, so he joins forces with the Emperor Palpatine (Ian McDiarmid). There are some enjoyable spectacles involving lightsaber battles, but the whole subplot between Anakin and his wife, Padme (Natalie Portman), is dramatically flat. The story shows us nothing we didn't expect. (DT)

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torremolinus 73 (Unrated, 91 minutes) It's hard to say whether Javier Camara is funnier as the nebbishy encyclopedia-salesman-turned-filmmaker behind the camera or as his own leading man in the series of Super-8 sex films that are at the heart of this charming serio-comic film from Spanish writer-director Pablo Berger. Camara's character is disconcerted to discover that his little films are huge hits in Scandinavia. But that's not his biggest surprise, as Berger's film takes a sharp turn toward more serious subject matter, choosing a bittersweet conclusion over easy laughs. (MO)
WALK ON WATER (unrated, 94 minutes) The black-and-white moral world of an assassin (Lior Ashkenazi) working for Israel's Mossad starts to look mighty gray when his assignment to terminate a fugitive Nazi leads him to befriend the old man's grandchildren, a young German woman living on a kibbutz and her gay brother. Eytan Fox's film is rich with ideas about what ethical living means, making connections between homophobia, Nazism and the desire for — and spiritual costs of — revenge. (MO)

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→ FRIDAY

Ex-Smashing Pumpkins frontman **BILLY CORGAN**'s latest incarnation as a mellow shoegazer is on display tonight at a sold-out 9:30 Club. If you believe his full-page ad in a Chicago newspaper this week, Corgan is looking to reform the Pumpkins, so, for better or worse, this might be the last time you can catch his solo act.

While his TV show may be the best ever, **JERRY SEINFELD** — at the Kennedy Center — is best appreciated in his element: performing his stand-up routine on stage. Seinfeld has outgrown intimate venues, but he's adept at transforming cavernous halls into cozy comedy clubs.

THAD COCKRELL, at Iota, is one of the best newcomers in the traditional, tears-in-your-beer country scene. Cockrell's earnest tenor perfectly complements his downhearted lyrics and languid pace. Ex-Whiskeytown member and frequent Cockrell collaborator **CAITLIN CARY** opens.

Local indie rockers **THE ALPHABETICAL ORDER** celebrate the release of an EP with a gig at Velvet Lounge. Fellow locals **RUNNING WITH SCISSORS**, **THE RACHEL NEVADAS** and **MIC HARRISON** open.

In an R&B scene drenched with hip-hop beats, **KEM**'s gospel-tinged, rigorously traditional 2003 debut, "Kemistry," was a breath of fresh air.



WELL-GROUNDED: The Roots meet Wilco Sunday night in what promises to be an enlightening venture for all concerned.

At Warner Theatre, Kem is back supporting his sophomore effort, appropriately titled "Album II."

→ SATURDAY

SLEATER-KINNEY, headlining at 9:30 Club, have long been pigeonholed as angry riot grrrls blindly attacking The Man. On their latest release, however, Sleater-Kinney complete their steady maturation into a tight group capable of making skilled music. Local psychedelic veterans **DEAD MEADOW** open.

The secretive **LEON REDBONE**, at the Birchmere, has spent the last 30 years carving out a niche by reviving the early 20th-century sounds of ragtime and vaudeville. Redbone's oddly compelling and danceable folk music, taste for American esoterica and famously reclusive image have turned him into a pop-culture icon.

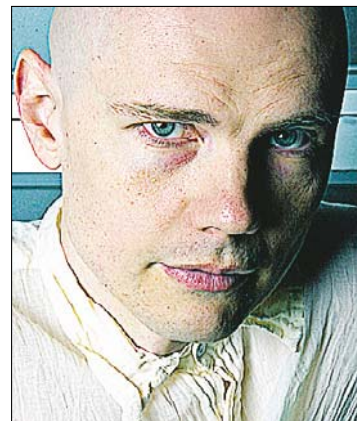
Backstage at Black Cat is **BLISS**, an indie rock dance party with DJ

Will Eastman. It will get busy while the annual benefit concert Run for Cover does its thing on the Mainstage.

→ SUNDAY

If his latest excellent LP is any indication, the legendary soul/R&B/gospel master **THE REVEREND AL GREEN** is showing no signs of slowing down. At 9:30 Club, the good reverend will likely dip deep into his tremendous back catalog of classic soul nuggets. Surprisingly, there are still a few \$75 tickets remaining. There will be no seats, table or chairs for the show, but the Rev. Al is worth tired feet.

Organic Philly hip-hop crew **THE ROOTS** continue their tradition of opening for innovative rock groups when they set the stage for alt-country experimenters **WILCO** at Merriweather Post Pavilion. Hired gun and guitar wizard Nils Cline has taken Wilco's sound to



SMASHED: Billy, don't be a guitar hero/don't be a solo artist all your life.

the next level.

Farther south at Nissan Pavilion, **DAVE MATTHEWS BAND** just keeps on truckin'. While their latest albums may have slipped into adult-contemporary land, fans keep coming out to hear old concert favorites and big jam sessions. Inoffensive newcomers **BLUE MERLE** open. **PETER DENTON**



The Best Rock Show That Isn't

COVER SONGS | Where can you see Duran Duran, Hall & Oates, the Smiths, the Clash and the Butthole Surfers on one stage?

No, the answer is not "in hell." Nor is Bob Geldof involved. Give up? Nowhere, duh. But at the fourth annual Run for Cover benefit this Saturday, local rockers impersonate these bands and others to raise money for the Fort Reno Concert Series.

Even the promoter is unsure whether these one-time-only performances should be called tributes or parodies. Just think of them as guilty pleasures. But these bands are no joke. People still chatter about the dead-on performance by "Journey" and "The B-52s" in previous years. **BOB MASSEY**

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Television

Live 8 Promos Cover All Media

TIE-INS | MTV and VH1 will telecast eight hours of the Live 8 concerts on July 2, the networks said Wednesday.

The performances, featuring artists U2, Coldplay, Madonna, Dave Matthews Band, Jay-Z and Destiny's Child among many others, are being held in eight cities to raise awareness of poverty in Africa.

The telecast is a repeat performance for MTV, which showed the Live Aid concerts 20 years ago.

America Online, which owns the U.S. rights to the concerts and will beam them on the Internet, also is negotiating with ABC for a prime-time telecast following the TV coverage.

MTV, VH1 and MTV's college network mtvU will be on the air with the same feed from noon to 8 p.m. that day, switching back and forth from different sites and also presenting packaged reports, like a look back at Live Aid.

XM Satellite Radio will carry the concerts live from Philadelphia, London, Paris, Berlin and Rome, AOL also announced. The Premiere Radio Networks will also carry concert coverage and performances tailored to three different radio formats — urban, rock and pop.

Internationally, the MTV, VH1 and Music Factory networks will show hourly bulletins about the show. DAVID BAUDER (AP)

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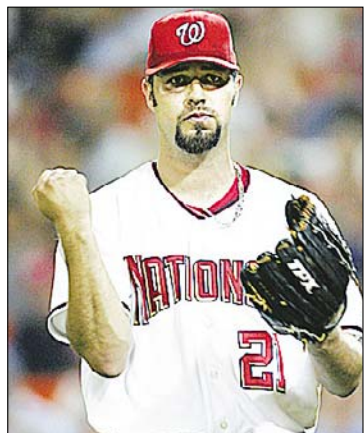
→ **BRAVE WORLD:** The Orioles visit the Atlanta Braves for a three-game set. Pitching are: Hayden Penn vs. Kyle Davies on Friday (7:30 p.m. on PAX66 and TBS), Bruce Chen vs. Horacio Ramirez on Saturday (1 p.m. on Fox) and Rodrigo Lopez vs. John Smoltz on Sunday (1 p.m. on PAX66 and TBS).



Smoltz

→ **PIT STOP:** The Nextel Cup is in Sonoma, Calif., for the Dodge/Save Mart 350 on Sunday (2:30 p.m. on Fox).

→ **FIRST OFF:** Still in first place, the Washington Nationals take on the Toronto Blue Jays this weekend, with Esteban Loaiza dueling Josh Towers Friday (7 p.m. on UPN20) and Livan Hernandez facing Ted Lilly on Saturday (7 p.m. on UPN20). Sunday's (1 p.m. on UPN20) pitchers are to be determined.



LAWRENCE JACKSON/AP

BACK ON THE HILL: Esteban Loaiza's stiff neck is better, so he'll pitch Friday.

→ **TVLAND:** The Mystics get some air time on TV on Friday at Detroit (7:30 p.m. on Comcast) and Sunday vs. Sacramento (3 p.m. on Comcast).

→ **ANNIKA:** Is women's golf on the verge of a Grand Slam? We'll have a clearer idea if Annika Sorenstam can win the U.S. Women's Open, which concludes on Sunday (3 p.m. on NBC).

→ **SERGE:** Can Sergio Garcia repeat at the Barclays Classic, ending on Sunday (3 p.m. on ABC)?

Triple Play

Sorenstam goes for third leg of Slam at historic Cherry Hills

WOMEN'S GOLF | Annika Sorenstam engaged in a friendly match Wednesday at Cherry Hills, trying her best to treat this U.S. Women's Open like any other week instead of such a grand occasion.

"Let's go, you've got to make some birdies," she teased Lorena Ochoa on the par-3 sixth tee. Ochoa pulled her tee shot into the rough. Sorenstam's shot never left the flag.

But when she settled into her chair before a room crammed with reporters and television cameras, Sorenstam was reminded that this is no ordinary week. Having already won the first two major championships of the year, Sorenstam has reached a critical juncture in her quest for the Grand Slam.

"This is a great challenge for me. This is a true test for me, to see if I can handle it," she said. "This is the challenge I've been looking for, and it's all about controlling your emotions and your shots out there."

Adding to the drama is the historical significance of Cherry Hills.

It was on this tree-lined course 45 years ago that Arnold Palmer charged from behind to win the U.S. Open, inspiring him to resurrect the concept of a Grand Slam — winning all four majors in one year.

Palmer never got it done, los-

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The field at the U.S. Women's Open had to endure a day of rain delays. Here's how they fared early:

- Sorenstam finished at even par. She played early and finished 2 shots back, making numerous par saves to stay in contention.
- Angela Stanford shot a 2-under 69, which was the low score in the clubhouse.
- Amateur Brittany Lang was significantly delayed by rain but helped pace the field. She was 2-under after her first 12 holes.



ing by one shot at the British Open.

Mickey Wright, Jack Nicklaus, Pat Bradley and Tiger Woods all got

halfway there when circumstances intervened — their own errant shots, bad weather or great golf by someone else.

"To win the slam, you have to be able to control yourself," Palmer said Wednesday morning from his office in Latrobe, Pa. "Then there are outside factors you have no control over, that people don't think about. You've just got to hope they work out for you."

"Unquestionably, she's got the golf," Palmer said. "As long as she keeps her cool, I think she can do it."

Sorenstam laid out her grand plans a year ago — she wanted to be the first player, male or female, to win the four professional majors in the same year.

"I'm only halfway," she said. "These next two are going to be the toughest two." DOUG FERGUSON (AP)

Annika Sorenstam is trying to become the first golfer to win the Grand Slam.



VOLLEYBALL | Beach Boycott The wait is over. Beach volleyball players, who went on strike at the world championships on Thursday, finally reached a deal with the sport's governing body after nearly two hours of boycotting, Reuters reported. The dispute

over a ban on players to form a union had lasted for days. It climaxed with a meeting for crisis talks late on Wednesday and the boycott on Thursday. The International Volleyball Federation agreed to allow the players to form a commission. (EXPRESS)

Few and Far Between

Elimination game in 1957 still heralded as best ever in NBA Finals

NBA FINALS | Once upon a time, the only hope for the St. Louis Hawks was 90 feet away. Trailing the Boston Celtics 125-123 with just seconds left in double overtime, the Hawks had to inbound under their own basket, and they sent in Alex Hannum for the first time in the series.

Hannum could throw a basketball like the best quarterbacks could throw a football, and the plan was for him to throw a pass off the opposite backboard so that Bob Pettit could catch it and drop the ball in.

The pass was perfect and Pettit caught it, but his shot rolled off the rim and out to give the Celtics the first of the 11 titles they would win over the next 13 years.

That game in 1957 is still consid-



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HOW THEY ENDED...

A look at key moments and stats from some other notable Game 7s through the years:

- The Knicks came back from a 3-0 deficit in 1951 to force the first ever Finals Game 7, only to lose 79-75 to the Rochester Royals.
- Washington won 105-99 at Seattle in 1978. No one thought to bring champagne to the arena, so beer was fetched from a local supermarket for the celebration.
- The Lakers withstood a late rally from the Pistons in 1988 to become the first team in 19 years to repeat as champions.
- In 1994, All-Star John Starks shot 2-for-18 for the Knicks in a 90-84 loss to the Rockets.

The San Antonio Spurs and Detroit Pistons played in the first Game 7 of the NBA Finals since 1994 Thursday night.

ered by many to be the best Game 7 in NBA Finals history.

The championship round went to a seventh game only 15 times prior to Thursday night's match-up between the San Antonio Spurs and Detroit Pistons to determine the 2004-05 champion.

Only twice did a Game 7 in the finals go to overtime, the other instance happening in 1962 when the Celtics defeated Los Angeles 110-107 behind 30 points and 40 rebounds — yes, 40 rebounds — from Bill Russell. And now, for the first time in 11 years, the finals have gone the distance once again.

To say this moment is overdue would be an understatement. Never before had there been more than six years between Game 7s in the finals.

"I think it's great for the league, and it will be a wonderful experience being part of that," Pistons coach Larry Brown said.

CHRIS SHERIDAN (AP)

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Without the comforts of Roland Garros' clay courts, Rafael Nadal was knocked out of Wimbledon and its grass courts on Thursday during second-round play.

Nadal Bounced At Wimbledon**British hopes rest with Murray after Henman loses in second round**

TENNIS | Green on grass, Rafael Nadal stumbled Thursday at Wimbledon.

The French Open champion converted only one of 13 break-point chances and lost in the second round to unseeded Gilles Muller 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Nadal, 19, had said he was too inexperienced on grass courts to win Wimbledon this year, and missed opportunities doomed him against Muller.

"He played better than me," Nadal said.

Nadal was eliminated two days

after French Open women's champion Justine Henin-Hardenne lost in the first round.

Also ousted was Englishman Tim Henman, who failed to make it into the second week of the tournament for the first time since 1995. Henman lost to Dmitry Tursunov 3-6, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, 8-6.

Easing the anguish of fans was an upset win by Andrew Murray, an 18-year-old Scotsman ranked 312th. The last Brit in the tournament, Murray beat No. 14-seeded Radek Stepanek 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

"I didn't really expect to win at all," Murray said. "He's a lot better than me."

No British man has won Wimbledon since Fred Perry in 1936. STEVEN WINE (AP)

Frozen Four Headed to D.C. in 2009

COLLEGE HOCKEY | The excitement of college hockey will make its way to Washington D.C., but not for another four years.

Yesterday, the NCAA selected the nation's capital as the site for the 2009 Frozen Four — college hockey's championship — which the District predicts will generate millions of dollars for the city off



Williams

and local businesses. (EXPRESS)

Swengali

HOCKEY | BY MATT SWENSON

Icy Reception Awaits NHL

WHAT IF A SEASON STARTED and nobody cared?

That's the fate awaiting the NHL once, or if, it comes back in October.

Having already lost a season, and with no end of the work stoppage in sight, hockey's owners and players got to watch the NBA avoid the kind of disaster the NHL went through.

You see, instead of waiting for games — let alone a whole season — to be missed, the NBA and players agreed to a labor deal Tuesday to avert a lockout set to start next week.

It's not like hockey has the fan base to be losing fringe viewers to soccer.

The games will go on, though the rookies will be slightly older now that the league's minimum age is 19.

Almost as a reward, the gods granted the NBA a Game 7 of the finals that the league needed to bring excitement to the championship.

Lost in the shuffle was that the Stanley Cup should have been awarded this month. How surprising that nobody noticed or — worse for the NHL — cared.

To the common sports fan, the lost hockey season simply meant more college basketball games and Major League Baseball games on ESPN the past six months. This is especially important to Nationals fans, most of whom are lucky if three games a week are on local TV.

It's not like hockey has the fan base to be losing fringe viewers to soccer and arena league football.

True, the season is supposed to start months from now, but doesn't it make sense to end the work stoppage before then so some repair work can be done before the puck is dropped?

Then again, it's probably way too late.

Matt Swenson, a lifelong Washingtonian, is the sports editor of Express.

Olsen Receives an Honor

Another shot for United midfielder with spot on national team

UNITED | Just when Ben Olsen had come to terms with the fact that time and four ankle surgeries had changed him as a player and that a career that once held so much promise would be confined to the fields of Major League Soccer, the past phoned and offered the midfielder another shot at the big time.

Olsen was at the beach this week when he was told he would be included on the U.S. national team roster for the upcoming

CONCACAF Gold Cup, the biennial regional championship. It was a welcome surprise for a player who has done everything asked of him at the club level but has not represented his country since early 2003.

Olsen will depart this weekend to compete for a starting spot in the opener against Cuba on July 7.

"I'm excited. It'll be nice to see what I'm made of again," said Olsen, who fractured his right ankle in 2001 and missed nearly two years of action. "I'm canceling a lot of things I had to do next week.

"It's such a wonderful honor. I was OK with not being on the national team. My mind frame was doing as



Ben Olsen's perseverance has paid off with a selection to the U.S. national team.

well as I could with D.C., and, if that stuff comes, great. It's a little more special now because when I was young it just came to me."

Olsen admitted that he may have both the mind and the body of an older player.

Although only 28, the surgeries forced him to readjust his goals and change his game. No longer the nimble, wide midfielder who wreaked havoc with his ball skill and pace, Olsen now patrols the middle and uses his intelligence, work rate and leadership to help his team.

"In the whole grand scheme of growing up and becoming who I want to be, I think the injury was great for me," Olsen said. "I like playing the game. It doesn't matter where. It's not about what you do, it's about how well you do it."

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Weekend Sports

Tar Heels Get Going

North Carolina begins rebuilding process as players ready for draft

COLLEGE BASKETBALL | Roy Williams spent 16 years trying to win a national championship before finally breaking through with North Carolina last season.

He's hardly had any time to enjoy it.

Within days of their title win over Illinois, the Tar Heels had four players declare early for the NBA draft and lost their top seven scorers.

Williams' challenge will be replacing juniors Raymond Felton, Rashad McCants and Sean May — the Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four — along with freshman Marvin Williams. The four joined seniors Jawad Williams, Jackie Manuel and Melvin Scott in a mass exodus from Chapel Hill to next week's NBA draft.

"It's lonely because all my friends are gone," said rising senior David Noel, the top returning scorer at 3.9 points per game. "A lot of people left. That's a lot to deal with, but we'll step up and face it. We can't run from it."

Williams will have to ask a lot



PAUL SANCIA/AP

The last time North Carolina's basketball team was together, they were celebrating a national title. Now, its seven top scorers are gone, with four going pro early.

of his recruits: 6-9 forward Tyler Hansbrough, 6-3 guard Bobby Frasier, and Marcus Ginyard and Danny Green, both 6-5 swingmen.

The four started summer classes here this week, making them off limits to reporters until after their first game. But they'll play a big role next season — if for no other reason than that the Tar Heels will have just 10 scholarship players and few

other options.

Despite all that inexperience, Noel said the Tar Heels can return to the NCAA tournament next year.

"There's no doubt in my mind," he said. "This team is going to shock a lot of people. I know everybody is writing us off, and I don't blame them. We lost 93 percent of our scoring." AARON BEARD (AP)

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Long Shot Makes Good

Mystics rookie helps turnaround with her touch from 3-point line

MYSTICS | Washington Mystics rookie shooting guard Laurie Koehn has made quite a splash for someone not drafted by an WNBA team.

The NCAA's all-time three-point leader (392) was signed as a free agent in May after enjoying a stellar college career at Kansas State and has been instrumental in helping the Mystics (5-6) string together four consecutive wins at MCI Center.

In Tuesday's win over the Phoenix Mercury, Koehn came off the bench to score nine points in the Mystics 77-56 victory. She scored



NELL REDMOND/AP
As a long-distance shooter, Laurie Koehn has proved herself a threat.

all of her points from beyond the three-point line. "I'm on the floor with great, great, great players

that are going to get me open and make my job really easy as long as I knock down those open shots," said Koehn, "and I feel that's what I need to do."

After struggling early, the Mystics have turned things around and appear to be on a roll, having won two straight games for the first time this season.

The team can reach .500 with a road victory tonight against the Detroit Shock before taking on Sacramento Sunday at home. "We're definitely working to dig ourselves out of the hole we got into early on in the season," said Koehn. "And obviously we have a little bit of momentum, and we just want to keep it going [and] take it on the road." BRANDY L. SIMMS

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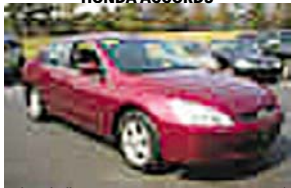
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Food

Fond memories and hip marketing make old beers new again

A line of taps pouring elegant brews from Bass to Blue Moon beckon twentysomethings packed into Bomber's bar in Albany, N.Y. But 21-year-old Elliot Cunniff orders something homier for himself and a friend.

"Two Yuenglings," he tells the bartender, explaining the attraction after a sip from his pint glass.

"Price. Color. Flavor," he says. "And the name alone, 'yingling.'"

Cunniff doesn't come out and say it, but it becomes apparent as other Yuengling orders roll in: Old school brews are cool.

They're sometimes called "retro beers," brands that might bring to mind old men in ribbed undershirts, and which are now finding a new audience with the young. It worked for Pabst Blue Ribbon and now oth-

ers are playing the same nostalgic chords.

Getting new life from an old brand is a great deal for brewers because they avoid the cost of launching a new product. The trick is doing it right. Heavy-handed advertising can backfire. Word of mouth seems to work. Television commercials with the Swedish bikini team are a big no-no. "I had guys get in my face and tell me if we ever advertised on TV, they'd beat me up," says Pabst brand manager Neal Stewart.

"The harder you try to push it, the more skeptical people are going



JIM MCKNIGHT/AP

STRANGE BREW: Utica Club beer, out of upstate New York, is one brand enjoying a retro renaissance.

Consumers like these beers in part because they cost less than fancy imports or craft brews. They also can play on happy memories of simpler days — maybe of Granddad swigging a beer while barbecuing, said Darrell Jursa, managing partner with Liquid Intelligence, a Chicago marketing agency that has Pabst as a client.

The challenge for brewers is to tap into that antiestablishment streak without seeming too establishment. Pabst managed by tailoring marketing to its young drinkers. It sponsored skateboarding film premieres, Vespa scooter rallies and art gallery openings.

Similarly, while Pennsylvania-based Yuengling ("America's Oldest Brewery") might advertise on progressive rock stations in one market,

Remember When?

to get," said Eric Shepard of Beer Marketer's Insights.

These are not the happiest days for brewers. Sales are growing slowly and beer is losing ground to spirits as consumers turn more to mixed drinks. Beer's market share

dropped from 56 percent in 1999 to 52.9 percent last year, according to the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States.

Among the recent bright spots was the quirky story of Pabst, which caught on early this decade with

young hipsters in Portland, Ore., and its popularity spread out. Without initial prompting, "PBR" became a symbol of authenticity and cool. It has been enjoying double-digit growth every year since 2003, said Stewart.

its commercials might be broadcast between Sinatra songs elsewhere, said chief operating officer David Casinelli.

Neither brand is betting the house on something as fickle as retro. MICHAEL HILL (AP)

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The Redskins

Washington Post reporter **NUNYO DEMASIO** was online Thursday to discuss the Washington Redskins' troubled offseason | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Will LaVar Arrington be with the team long-term? Seems like he is not their kind of player.

That question would have been crazy just a couple years ago, but now it's pretty pertinent. His grievance is July 18, and even if he loses, it will be hard to prove fraud with Virginia's laws; there's sure to be some lingering animosity. LaVar is untradeable or uncuttable this year but in a couple of years the Redskins may decide to take the diminished cap hit. After the Laveranues Coles saga, you can't rule it out. The Redskins's defense finished last season ranked third so that doesn't help LaVar long-term.

What are the chances, if any, that the Redskins make the playoffs? Chances are better than last year because of an improved offense.

Defensive coordinator Gregg Williams is the best thing going for this team, hands down. Is he going to be the next head coach of the Redskins or will he get another job somewhere else before Gibbs decides to retire?

My prediction is that Gregg Williams ends up eventually becoming a head coach elsewhere, maybe next year, perhaps the year after. This is just a gut feeling. Gregg repeatedly has spoken about staying here long-term. If the defense performs well again, Williams will get offers, and they may be too enticing to resist.

Do you think the Redskins would be interested in trading Sean Taylor for someone like WR Charles Rogers from the Lions?

Sean Taylor is untradeable because of his contract. But that would be an intriguing trade. Rogers is a stud, a future Pro Bowler. (That one-handed, flying-out-of-bounds catch against Ryan Clark last year was sick.) With all of the headaches Taylor has brought the team, if the Redskins could go back in time, they would have drafted someone else, like Rogers.

→ Today on Live Online

11 A.M.: Washington Post columnist Thomas Boswell discusses the surprising success of the Washington Nationals this season.

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



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Letters

No Harm in Saddam Story

THE WRITER OF THURSDAY'S letter asked, "Am I suppose to feel some sympathy or remorse for this guy now?" in response to the recent news on Saddam from his guards.

The answer is that the article in the Express ("A Kinder, Gentler Saddam," June 21) was not telling anyone how they were supposed to feel.

The letter writer seems to have been worked up into quite a huff, merely over an account of what Saddam is like behind bars from people who knew him. The invent-

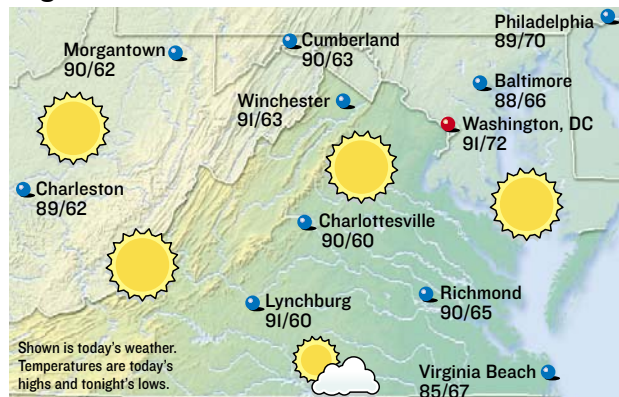
ed things that the writer did not want to feel (remorse, sympathy, regret) were not even hinted at in the article, which was just a story on the general curiosity of a dictator's human behavior behind bars. It seems the writer is the one airing opinions on how we are supposed to feel.

CHRIS ANCLIEN
—Silver Spring, Md.

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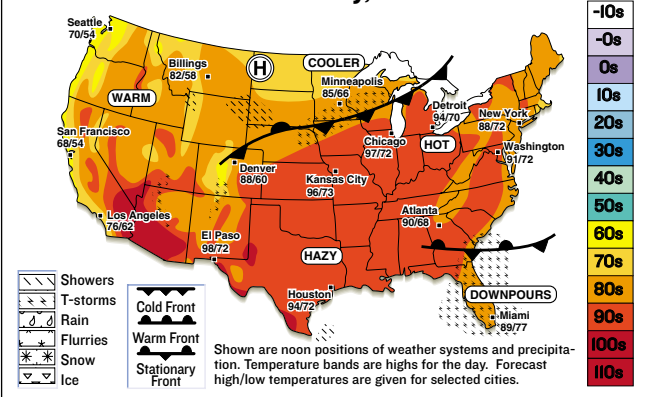
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National Weather for Friday, June 24



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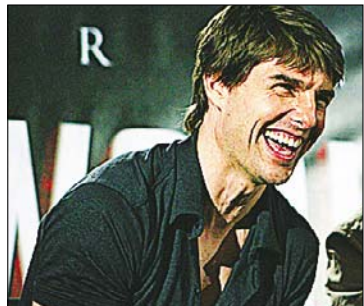
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People



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Cruise is water-resistant, not water-proof. Didn't anyone read his label?

FORGOTTEN Cruise Unit's Memory Banks Destroyed by Water Prank

TOM CRUISE will not press charges against the men who sprayed him with water in London on Saturday, E! Online reported. According to his publicist, the matter is simply not worth pursuing. Cruise agreed, telling reporters in Madrid that "it's not even worth discussing it." (EXPRESS)

FRAUD On Top of That, He's Still Waiting for a Gmail Invite!

An e-mail address — ncsaturn.7@aol.com — once used by **NICOLAS CAGE** is being used to send lewd e-mails by an unknown person, "Celebrity Justice" reported. "Nicolas Cage would like to make the general public aware that somebody has illegally ... been using the following email address pretending to be Nicolas Cage," his reps said in a statement. (EXPRESS)



JEFF JMITCHELL/REUTERS

GRADUATION Rocking Kegger at The Palace Tonite

Britain's **PRINCE WILLIAM** became a college graduate Thursday — and lost the protection from the media he has enjoyed during his student years. From now on, Wills can expect intense scrutiny of his behavior, his career plans and his relationship with fellow St. Andrews graduate Kate Middleton. "I'm going out into the big wide world — not just essays now," William said. The 23-year-old prince was among 260 students graduating from St. Andrews University this year. (AP)



CHIP EAST/REUTERS

EARTHSHAKING We Fear the Sound of This Man Coughing

The Broadway revival of "On Golden Pond" will close Sunday because its star, **JAMES EARL JONES**, who is recuperating from pneumonia, can't return to the production next week. "The entire 'On Golden Pond' family is heartbroken to close this production prematurely, and it's especially disappointing that James

J.E.J. will need until August to recover from a case of pneumonia.

Earl Jones won't be with us for our final performances," said producer Jeffrey Finn on Thursday. Jones' doctors said "the seriousness of recuperating from pneumonia would prevent his return until sometime in August." They added that he is expected to make a full recovery. (AP)



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Robert had wondered why he seemed to have fewer Hummel figurines ...

CRIME Theft Hurts Celebs, Too

A Manhattan housekeeper who worked for Candice Bergen and **ROBERT DE NIRO**'s wife, Grace Hightower, has been charged with swiping property from her clients, authorities said Wednesday. Lucyna Turyk-Wawryniewicz, 35, allegedly stole from at least three people in the past four years. She was arraigned Tuesday on charges of grand larceny, criminal possession of stolen property, forgery and coercion. (AP)

CATCHPHRASES 'And Your Little Dog, Too!' Rejected Early in Process

MARTHA STEWART said Wednesday that she won't say "You're fired" on her version of "The Apprentice" this fall, Reuters reported. But she wouldn't disclose what she *will* say. "I think you'll find it quite different," she said. She also said she won't eliminate candidates in a boardroom. (EXPRESS)



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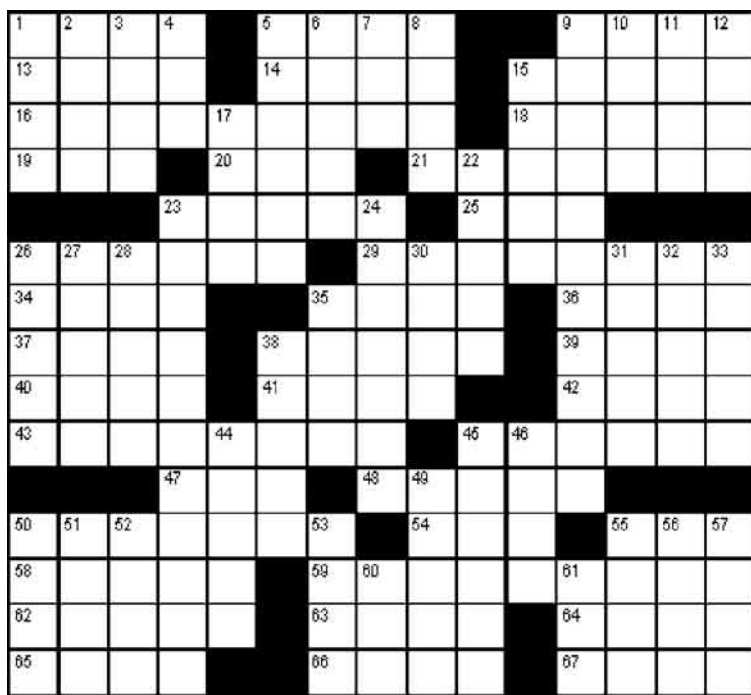
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ACROSS

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- 5 Growth period
- 9 Get one's teeth into
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- 14 Goddess of the moon
- 15 Born yesterday
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- 18 It's sometimes final
- 19 Debate position
- 20 Ltd., in the U.S.
- 21 Painkiller choice
- 23 Yale, Brown, etc.
- 25 Head for Vegas?
- 26 Horseless carriage pioneer
- 29 Particles in suspension
- 34 Ever and ____
- 35 Spelling of "Beverly Hills, 90210"
- 36 "Peter Pan" character
- 37 Kettle covers
- 38 "... attired in ____ of white" (Shakespeare)
- 39 "____ Rock" (Simon & Garfunkel hit)
- 40 Toast spread
- 41 Butter units
- 42 Harrow rival
- 43 Identical
- 45 Certify
- 47 Mercury or Saturn, but not

DOWN

- 1 Mars
- 48 Make good on a loan
- 50 Jake of boxing
- 54 Printer resolution
- 55 A real Stooze
- 58 Endow, as with a quality
- 59 Automobile feature
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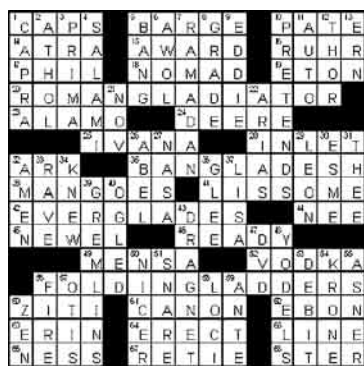


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- 4 Squiggly shape
- 5 Russian pancakes
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- 7 Part of a countdown
- 8 Winepress residue
- 9 Nightclub regulars
- 10 '50s audiophile's purchase
- 11 With neither side ahead
- 12 No longer are
- 15 Knobby
- 17 Market plunge
- 22 Kukla's puppet

- pal
- 23 English legal societies
- 24 Kid's vehicle
- 26 Angelic circles
- 27 Old-womanish
- 28 Song of the Alps
- 30 Planetarium sights
- 31 Livid
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- 33 Hardly any
- 35 Sussex streetcar
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- 46 Kite stabilizer
- 49 King's proclamation
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- 51 From the top
- 52 Year of Columbus's fourth voyage
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- 55 Engage in self-pity
- 56 Rock group?
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- 60 Published
- 61 Type of paint

Yesterday's Solution



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may have an unusual power over others, as a result of a sudden increase in self-confidence. Don't abuse your influence.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Make no mistake, you won't be able to do what you want all the time. Now and then be willing to make certain concessions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Talk about those issues that seem to pop up at the worst moments. You and a loved one can get to the heart of the problem.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your personal power is on the rise and you must guard against thinking you can do it all. Know when to say when — and when to delegate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Your interest in another's personal affairs may be misunderstood. Avoid conflict by knowing precisely when and how to back off.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your expertise may be required when someone at work attempts something unusual and daring. Get ready to have some fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do not become the victim of your own ambition or desires. Remember to keep things honest and straightforward.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Now is not

the time to insist that others follow your rules to the letter. Consider giving those around you a little more free rein.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You're not one to forget what others do for you and you'll certainly have the opportunity to do someone else a favor in return.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may be unable to control the tendency to tell it like it is — and if so, be ready to face the consequences.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may be unpredictable, with the expected result that those closest to you may be confused and back away for a time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This is a good day to offer or accept a challenge from a friendly rival. Be sure, however, that any contests are engaged in willingly.

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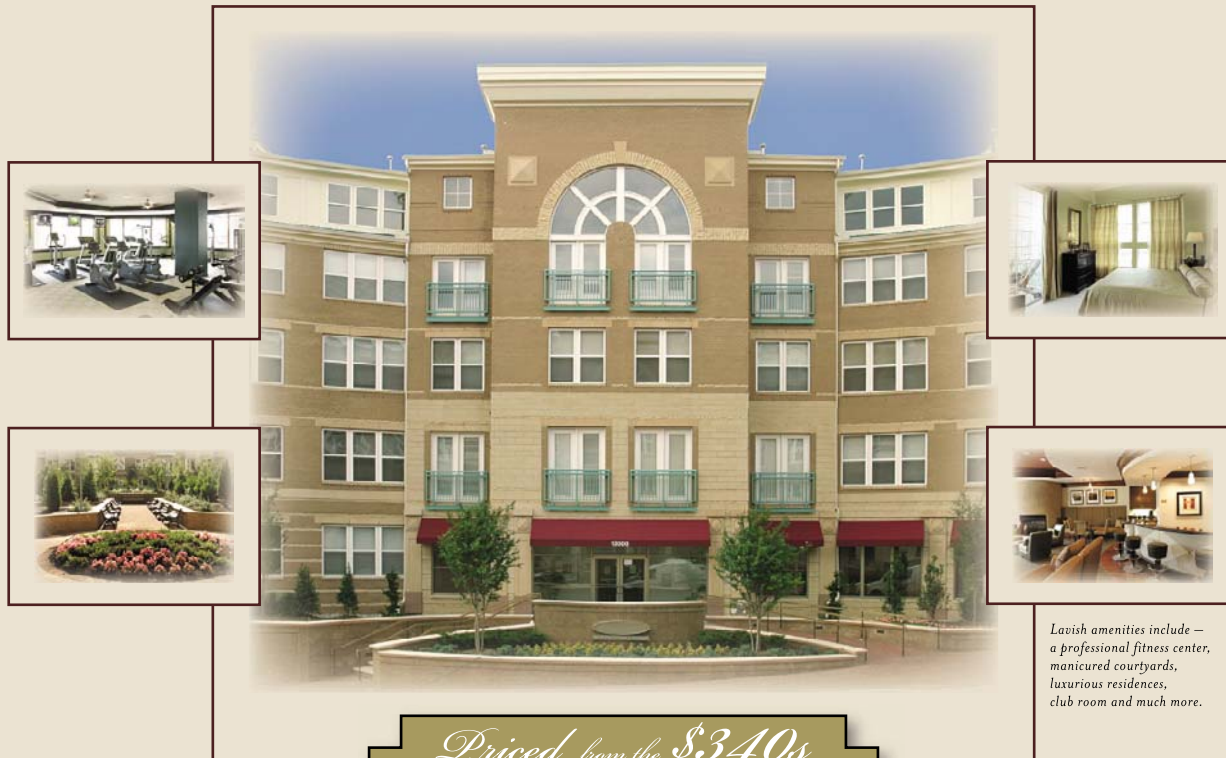
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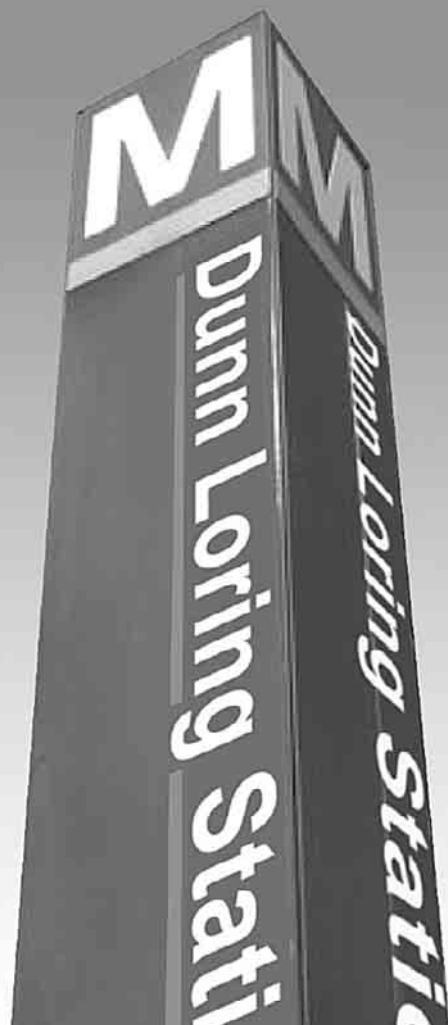


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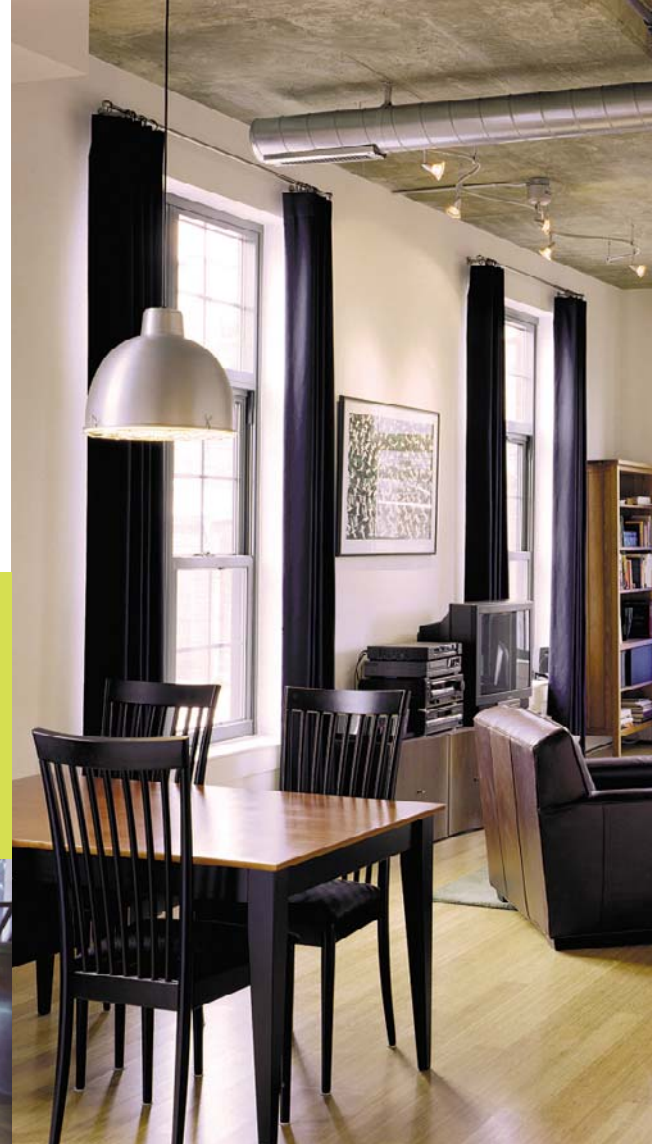
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Historic Opportunities

As prime building lots grow scarce, old buildings are getting a new look

Robyn Moy, 24, and her boyfriend repeatedly hit dead ends during a six-month quest for their first condominium.

Clarendon had been too expensive and a bidding war ensued at a downtown row house.

Then, while driving around in search of open houses, they saw a glimmer of hope on a sign at 1400 East Capitol Street announcing available condos inside.

At the Car Barn on Capitol Hill, an 1896 streetcar depot, their car stopped. The one-time trolley repair shop and storage area now warehouses people and a pool. They

dropped \$295,000 for a one-bedroom, two-story loft with parking for their more modern mode of transportation.

Moy, an analyst in leisure sales at US Airways, is among the growing number of D.C. condo hunters who have chosen historic conversions — developments that preserve the character of historic structures — over the last few years. These unique structures are equally as hot as their more traditional counterparts.

One reason for the allure of Moy's now sold-out complex: Developers maintained the Car



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Barn's towering red brick walls and gates. "People call it the Alamo because it's all cut off," Moy said of her new home.

As the D.C. condo market continues to boom, condo developers are running out of vacant lots in prime areas and resorting to some creative uses of existing structures, according to Delta Associates, an Alexandria-based real estate research firm. Approximately 20 such projects have either recently sold out or are currently selling.

"Historic," when it comes to condo conversions, can mean any number of things. The building could be on the National Register of Historic Places. It could be considered historic only by its municipality — the District or Arlington County, for instance. Or the building may simply be so old it's become a fixture of the community.

"There's only a limited amount of space in the District. Historical structures can't be knocked down, but they can be retrofitted with the facade exterior preserved," said William Rich, a senior associate at Delta.

Local developer Stan Voudrie, a vice president at West*Group Development Company in McLean, said he'd looked far and wide for empty space before settling for occupied ground. "It's easier for us to develop a blank slate than it is to adapt an existing building," he said.

Two as-yet unnamed developments mark his first ventures into historic conversions. One, a 1920s Ford Model T dealership on 14th and T streets near Logan Circle, is currently used by a church on Sundays. The building is slated to become a 40-unit condominium inside, and Voudrie is working closely with the D.C. Historic Preservation Office to maintain and hopefully add height to the complex.

Voudrie is also adapting an early 1900s Eastern Star children's home, now MedStar Manor at Lamond Riggs nursing home, (6000 New Hampshire Ave. NE) into 50 condos, plus townhouses and single-family homes.

Former hospitals, warehouses, churches and embassies are all being converted to condos in the D.C. area. So are schools, which lend themselves naturally to living spaces because of their pre-existing hallways and easily

conjoined classrooms, said Nancy Metzger, chair of the historic preservation committee of the Capitol Hill Restoration Society. "They're kind of an easier proposition than churches and other structures," she said, adding that the neighborhood is quite proud of its updated, old-fashioned schools.

One of Capitol Hill's more recent conversions, The Lenox School, at 725 5th St. SE, offers 14-foot ceilings in a converted 1897 school building.

Developers are also redecorating unlikely abodes outside the District. The historic Arlington Hardware building's exterior will be preserved as part of Columbia Center, a mixed-use residential and retail project at the corner of Columbia Pike and S. Walter Reed Drive. In Silver Spring, a restored 1946 Canada Dry bottling plant's facade will become part of the 210-unit Silverton Condominium. Ninety percent of the building has

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sold since buying began in February, according to Silverton's developers. And in Baltimore's Mt. Vernon section, a prominent 19th-century church will become The Revels condominiums.

Purchasers say they love the array of hip housing options creeping into once off-limit buildings. Jay Messenger, a 45-year-old regional manager for Sun Microsystems, chose his \$660,000 two-bedroom unit in the Mather Studios in part because of the historic ambience — the building was once a University of the District of Columbia art programs building. The sold-out Gallery Place condos feature an authentic early

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THIS OLD DEPOT: After finding themselves priced out of Clarendon, Robyn Moy and her boyfriend, Jamie Smith, found an attractive condo option at the Car Barn.

Historic

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1900s white neo-Gothic exterior juxtaposed with contemporary interiors.

Also influential was a tax advantage he got for purchasing and protecting a piece of history. By donating a historic preservation easement, property owners sometimes qualify for a tax-deductible charitable contribution.

Experts easily pinpoint condo buyers' captivation with buildings of yesteryear. There is a "sense of décor, sense of rhythm of openings ... an intriguing asymmetry that you can't get in the suburbs," said John Michael Vlach, an American studies professor at George Washington University who specializes in North American traditional architecture. "Most people used to 8-, 10-foot ceilings think they've died and gone to live in a castle." Another draw, he said: Buyers can get a higher

resale price.

Daniel R. Odio, founder of DROdio Realty, a D.C. condo and conversion agency, said, "Of course, there's this kind of romanticism among buyers of moving into an old church or school ... In D.C., unlike in other cities, we don't have any really tall buildings, but we do have a lot of really beautiful, unique historical structures."

But buyers can also encounter glitches, warn previous purchasers and real estate agents. "Old pipes can be corroded, the foundation might not be sound," Odio said, suggesting, of course, that buyers bring along a real estate agent when searching. He cautioned prospective buyers not to be duped into buying a patch job with a pretty exterior.

"There are two types of conversions: The type that a dotcom investor, who wants to get into real estate, might make, where the building looks nice but does not address all the problems of the

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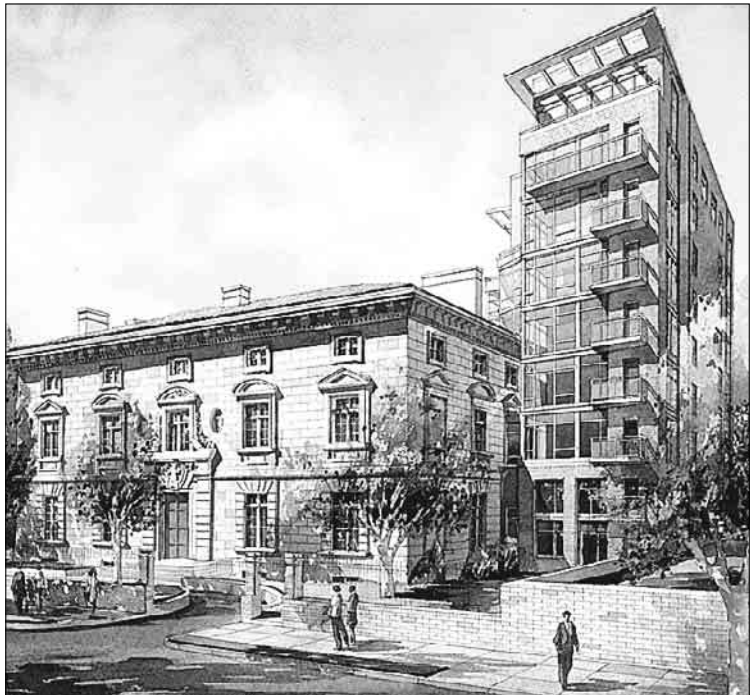
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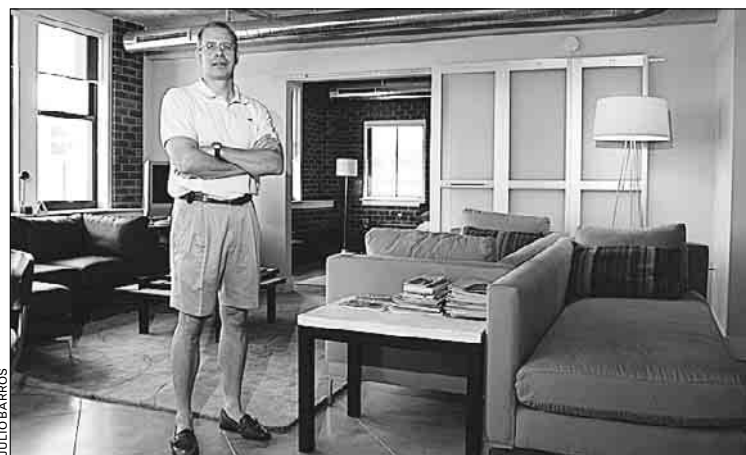
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MODERN HISTORY: For Jay Messenger, historic ambiance was a big draw when he bought his two-bedroom unit at Mather Studios, a former university building.

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building. Then there's the version where there's a developer gutting the building," Odio said. A professional developer is likely a better bet than a newbie.

The Mather Studios' Messenger took a risk in acquiring from a developer without the ability to consult an existing condo board or neighbors. While his unit has not revealed any weak spots, small structural challenges have occurred in the building. For example, the older garage floor and roof do not drain properly. Fortunately, his board is on top of the situation.

"You have to have a good association that recognizes the additional effort it takes to make sure the investment is being main-

tained," Messenger said. Money must be allocated with a great deal of thought, perhaps, choosing to burnish a steeple, instead of adding a billiards room.

Developers get many headaches — but even more rewards—when taking on such literally monumental constructions. They may need to obtain waivers from the city for refacing the visible parts of a building or adding floors. And the repair of existing elements is an additional cost.

However, there are potential federal tax benefits for rehabilitating historic properties and plenty of marketing opportunities that come with time-honored real estate.

"The historic cachet becomes a selling point and a dwelling point," Vlach said. "They aren't the same anonymous cookie-cutter pabulum that developers are going to throw up." ALIYA STERNSTEIN

A Sometimes Bumpy Road

Converting a historic structure into a posh development doesn't always sit well with the neighborhood. One proposed project, to turn the MedLINK Hospital and Nursing Center at Capitol Hill into condos, is making residents particularly uneasy.

Neighbors have been vocal about their opposition to current plans, said Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner Mike Sherman. More than 100 people attended two public meetings on the topic to hear architect presentations and question the property's owner. While community members would rather have a residential development than a hospital, some worry about the size of the project, potentially more than 300 units.

"[The owner's] a businessman who very rightly has different interests, such as preserving the jobs of his employees and increasing his profits ... but at the same time, the community has an interest in preserving the historic character of our neighborhoods and protecting the quality of life," Sherman said.

He noted that the owner has made strides to alleviate the community's concerns, such as reducing height and altering the facades.

"I think we're definitely, without a doubt, moving in the right direction, but there remains a lot to be done....," Sherman said.

MedLINK's owner did not return phone calls for this story.

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The Interest-Only Gamble

No-principle mortgages help buyers enter the market, but at what price?

More than a third of the mortgages written in the Washington area this year are a risky new kind of loan that lets borrowers pay back only the interest, delaying for years repayment of any loan principal. Economists warn that the new loans are essentially a gamble that home prices will continue to rise at a brisk pace, allowing the borrower to either sell the home at a profit or refinance before the principal payments come due.

The loans are attractive because their initial monthly payments are tantalizingly low — about \$1,367 a month for a \$320,000 mortgage, compared with about \$1,842 a month for a traditional 30-year,

fixed-rate loan. If home prices fall, though, borrowers could lose big.

“It’s a game of musical chairs,” said Allen J. Fishbein, director of housing and credit policy at the Consumer Federation of America. “Somebody is going to have the chair pulled out from under them when they find prices have leveled out and they try to sell, only to find they can’t sell for what they paid for it.”

About 54 percent of home buyers in the District purchased their homes using interest-only loans so far this year, according to LoanPerformance, a San Francisco-based company that tracks loan originations nationwide. About one-third of buyers in Maryland

and Virginia are buying with interest-only loans.

Just five years ago, only about 2 percent of home-purchase loans in the Washington area involved interest-only terms.

Mark Zandi, chief economist of Economy.com, said buyers are turning to interest-only loans because real estate has become so expensive — but that real estate is becoming so expensive partially because of the use of these new products.

“It largely reflects the inability of families to afford a home with a plain-vanilla mortgage,” Zandi said. “This is a way for people to get into what are extremely expensive homes.”

He said it also reflects “increasing speculation” that is occurring in the real estate market, as investors pursue interest-only loans “because

they need to devote less resources to servicing this debt.”

House prices in the Washington region have risen an average of 10 percent a year for the past four years. The interest-only loans were not available the last time the housing market sagged, in the early 1990s, so the implications of

the trend are not known.

Many economists are beginning to worry that the loans could hurt consumers, lenders and the economy itself. Buyers could be exposing themselves to increased risk if home values should fall and interest rates rise, and lenders could be liable if borrowers walk away from such loans. Even the neighbors of people who have bought homes at inflated prices could face financial injury if they take home-equity loans that assume the new purchases reflect true and higher values for properties in their neighborhoods.

Many homeowners and mortgage bankers defend the interest-only loans, saying that savvy buyers bear little risk, particularly if they have the discipline to make payments toward the principal,

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- DC LOFTS: "Dedicated to lofts and loft-like, upscale contemporary residences in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area." dc-lofts.com
- DC REAL ESTATE: Much like dclofts.com. dcrealestate.com/newconstruction.cfm
- NEWSVOYAGER: Browse classified ads from around the country. newspaperlinks.com
- SALE BY OWNER REALTY: Shop for condos being sold without an agent. www.salebyownerrealty.com
- WASHINGTON POST REAL ESTATE: Search the MLS, calculate your mortgage and more. washingtonpost.com/realestate

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- AB URBAN DEVELOPMENT: ab-urban.com
- ABDO DEVELOPMENT: abdo.com
- DONATELLI & KLEIN: dkdevelopment.com
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- KINGMAN DEVELOPMENT: kingmandevelopment.com
- KL ASSOCIATES: klproperties.com
- MACY DEVELOPMENT: macydc.com
- METROPOLIS DEVELOPMENT: metropolis-dc.com
- MONUMENT REALTY: monumentrealty.com
- PN HOFFMAN: pnhoffman.com
- TAURUS ENTERPRISE GROUP: www.taurusdev.com
- URBAN LAND COMPANY: urbanlandcompany.com

Buying Tools

- AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HOME INSPECTORS: Learn how to find a good home inspector. ashi.org
- BANKRATE: All things mortgage-rate related. Check out the calculators. bankrate.com
- GREATER WASHINGTON COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS: gwcar.org
- HSH ASSOCIATES: Track mortgage data for D.C. and other metro areas. hsh.com
- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS: Find a qualified Realtor. realtor.org
- REALTOR.COM: Buying info and, of course, lots of Realtors. realtor.com

Government Financing

Several national, state and local programs exist to help homebuyers — especially first-time ones — finance their purchases.

- FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION: fanniemae.com and homepath.com
- GOVERNMENT NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION: ginniemae.gov
- U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT: Let HUD help you buy a home. hud.gov
- ALEXANDRIA OFFICE OF HOUSING: ci.alexandria.va.us/city/housing
- ARLINGTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY PLANNING, HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT: www.co.arlington.va.us/cphd
- FAIRFAX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: www.co.fairfax.va.us/gov/rha
- MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: www.dhcd.state.md.us
- MONTGOMERY COUNTY HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION: www.hocmc.org
- PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: www.goprincegeorgescounty.com
- VIRGINIA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: www.vhda.com
- WASHINGTON, D.C. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: www.dhcd.dc.gov

Remodeling

- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE REMODELING INDUSTRY, D.C. CHAPTER: Find a local contractor. narimetrodc.org
- NATIONAL KITCHEN AND BATH ASSOCIATION: A workbook walks

you through kitchen and bathroom remodeling projects.

- REMODELING MAGAZINE: remodeling.hw.net
- WASHINGTONIAN GUIDE TO HOME REMODELING: washingtonian.com/etc/shopping/homeremodeling.html
- WASHINGTON POST, HOME CHAT: Ask the Home section staff for remodeling tips. Every Thursday at 11 a.m. washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Research Tools

- COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INSTITUTE: The site your condo board is reading. caionline.org
- CRIME REPORTS: Sign up for free daily or weekly District and Virginia crime reports. crimereports.com
- FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY: Find out what disasters are most likely to strike your home. fema.gov
- MEGALAW: Peruse condo codes all the live-long day. megalaw.com/top/condo.php
- RELOCATION CRIME LAB: Study crime reports for your new neighborhood. homefair.com/homefair/calc/crime.html
- THE SCHOOL REPORT: Free school reports for all U.S. public schools. theschoolreport.com
- U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS: Pore over state and local economic data. bea.doc.gov
- WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY: Is your future condo Metro-accessible? wmata.com
- WASHINGTON POST NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDE: Where's Eckington in relation to Shaw? Find out here. www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/metro/specials/theguide

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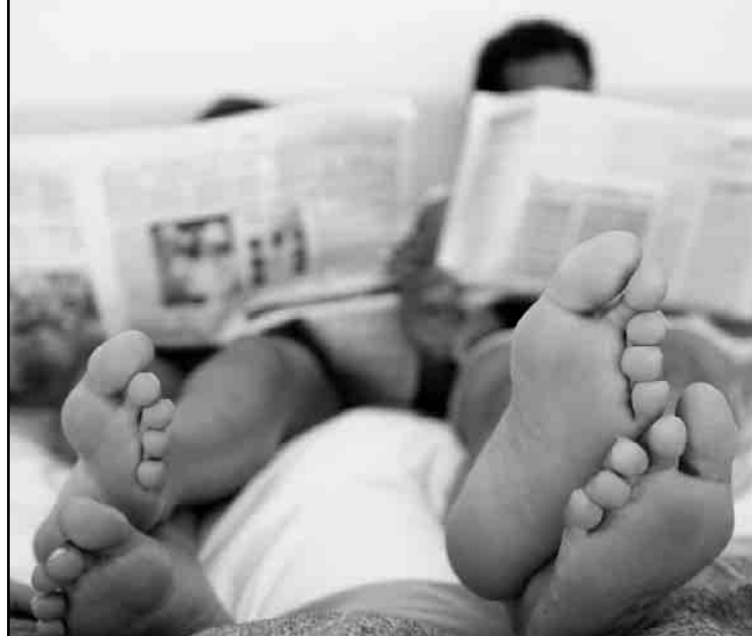
- WASHINGTON, D.C.: about.dc.gov
- NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION: neighborhoodaction.dc.gov
- ADAMS MORGAN: adamsmorgan.net
- ANACOSTIA WATERFRONT: anacostiawaterfront.net
- BLOOMINGDALE: www.bloomingtondc.org
- CAPITOL HILL: capitolhill.org
- CHEVY CHASE: chevychasecitizens.org
- CLEVELAND PARK: clevelandpark.com
- COLUMBIA HEIGHTS: columbiaheightsdc.com

- CRESTWOOD: crestwood-dc.org
 - DUPONT CIRCLE: dupont-circle.com
 - FOXHALL: foxhall.org
 - H STREET NE: hstreetcdc.org
 - HILLCREST: hillcrestdc.com
 - LOGAN CIRCLE: logancircle.org
 - MOUNT PLEASANT: mtpleasantdc.org
 - OLD CITY: oldcitycapitolhill.org
 - PALISADES: palisadesdc.org
 - PENN-BRANCH: nc7b.org/penn-branch.htm
 - PETWORTH: petworthdc.net
 - PETWORTH NEWS: petworthnews.blogs.com
 - SHAW: shawdc.com
 - SOUTHWEST: swdc.org
 - TAKOMA PARK: takomadc.com
 - U STREET: ustreet.com/csna
- MARYLAND:
- DC METRO: dcmetro.maryland.com
 - MDDC COMMUNITY: mddccommunity.com
- MONTGOMERY COUNTY:
- MONTGOMERY COUNTY: montgomerycountymd.gov

- PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY: co.pg.md.us; pgcoc.org
- BETHESDA: bethesda.org
- BLADENSBURG: porttowns.com/blad/blad.htm
- CHEVY CHASE: northchevychase.org
- GREENBELT: ci.greenbelt.md.us
- LAUREL: laurel.md.us
- NEW CARROLLTON: new-carrollton.md.us
- ROCKVILLE: rockvillemd.gov
- SILVER SPRING: gsscc.org
- DOWNTOWN SILVER SPRING: downtownsilverspring.com
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Interest-only

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it's not required. They get the benefits of home-price appreciation at a lower cost, they say — and some are making big profits doing it.

Will Betts, a grocery coordinator at Whole Foods Market Inc., was 26 and earning \$35,000 a year when he bought a two-bedroom apartment at 11th and U streets in the District in 2001. He bought it for \$160,000 and refinanced his loan with an interest-only version in 2002, reducing his monthly payment from \$1,400 to \$900. Now 30, Betts sold the condo in December for \$460,000, reaping a tidy profit without the need to repay any of the principal.

"It's a great thing for first-time buyers or people who don't intend

to be in their place forever," said Betts, who has moved to Chicago, now earns \$70,000 and has bought a \$420,000 home there.

Interest-only loans come in many forms. Usually they are adjustable-rate mortgages, with the interest-only period ranging from three to 10 years, and the payment amount changing as often as monthly. After several years, they can convert to fixed-rate mortgages or remain variable. After the initial interest-only period, the buyer must begin repaying the principal at a higher rate that reflects the delay in principal payment.

"People are buying houses like they used to buy cars," said Alan E. Hummel, past president of the Appraisal Institute, who likened the process to buyers leasing a car. "They are renting the property from

the bank, in this case," he said.

In the example of a typical \$320,000 mortgage in this market, an interest-only home buyer could save about \$40,000 over the first seven years by not paying down the principal. A buyer who took out a standard \$320,000 mortgage would have paid down about \$36,000 of the loan principal in the first seven years.

If the home appreciates, both could profit. But if prices fall, the purchaser with the standard loan continues making the same fixed payments. If the interest-only buyer can't come up with the cash to cover the much-bigger payment that includes principal, he might have to sell at a loss or face foreclosure.

Banking regulators are watching the home-finance market with increasing attention. Federal regulators recently issued a warning that

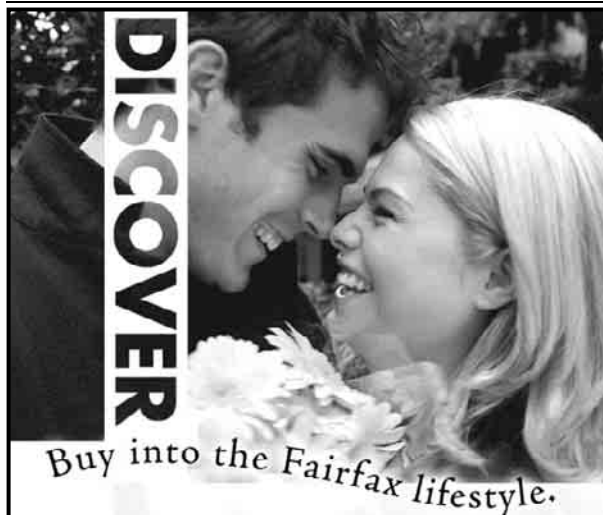
"It's a great thing for first-time buyers or people who don't intend to be in their place forever.

The upward spiral of real estate prices, partly fueled by increasing use of interest-only loans by some buyers, is making life even more complicated for other buyers. Blair Gormley, 32, and his wife Beth, 31, both teachers, have been trying to find a townhouse they can afford in Woodbridge for almost a year. Twice they have made offers on properties but backed out after the prices were bid so high that the monthly mortgage would have been too expensive. They could stretch their income further if they considered an interest-only loan, but Blair believes it is too risky to try.

"That's really dangerous," he said. "You don't know what interest rates will do." And if home prices fell, he said, that "would put us in a pickle."

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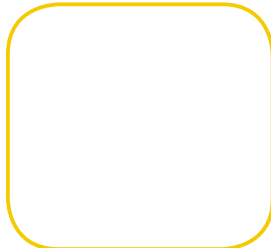
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\$140,000	668	709	752	795	839	885	931	979	1,027	1,076	1,126	1,177	1,229
\$160,000	764	811	859	908	959	1,011	1,064	1,119	1,174	1,230	1,287	1,345	1,404
\$180,000	859	912	966	1,022	1,079	1,138	1,198	1,259	1,321	1,384	1,448	1,514	1,580
\$200,000	955	1,013	1,074	1,136	1,199	1,264	1,331	1,398	1,468	1,538	1,609	1,682	1,755
\$220,000	1,050	1,115	1,181	1,249	1,319	1,391	1,464	1,538	1,614	1,692	1,770	1,850	1,931
\$240,000	1,146	1,216	1,288	1,363	1,439	1,517	1,597	1,678	1,761	1,845	1,931	2,018	2,106
\$260,000	1,241	1,317	1,396	1,476	1,559	1,643	1,730	1,818	1,908	1,999	2,092	2,186	2,282
\$280,000	1,337	1,419	1,503	1,590	1,679	1,781	1,863	1,958	2,055	2,153	2,253	2,354	2,457
\$300,000	1,432	1,520	1,610	1,703	1,799	1,896	1,996	2,098	2,201	2,307	2,414	2,523	2,633
\$320,000	1,528	1,621	1,718	1,817	1,919	2,023	2,129	2,237	2,348	2,461	2,575	2,691	2,808
\$340,000	1,623	1,723	1,825	1,930	2,038	2,149	2,262	2,377	2,495	2,614	2,736	2,859	2,984
\$360,000	1,719	1,824	1,933	2,044	2,158	2,275	2,395	2,517	2,642	2,768	2,897	3,027	3,159
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